



# Modal verbs 2

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**A Match the beginning of each sentence with the most appropriate ending, a or b.**

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| 1 You should wear a seat belt                        | a) if you drive in Britain.                                |
| 2 You would wear a seat belt                         | b) if you drove in Britain.                                |
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| 3 If you applied for that job you would get it;      | a) but I don't really think you'd have very much chance.   |
| 4 If you applied for that job you might/could get it | b) with your qualifications they'd be certain to take you. |
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| 5 It should be even warmer tomorrow;                 | a) but I really hope not.                                  |
| 6 It might/could be even warmer tomorrow             | b) it said so on the forecast.                             |
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| 7 She could play the piano as a child                | a) but now she's forgotten how to.                         |
| 8 She would play the piano as a child                | b) whenever guests came.                                   |
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| 9 You could see a doctor about that                  | a) I'm positive it needs medical attention.                |
| 10 You should see a doctor about that;               | b) but I don't think it's really necessary.                |

**B Match the meanings below with the numbers of the sentences from part A. Note that some of the meanings match more than one sentence.**

- a) an ability someone had in the past \_\_\_\_\_
- b) a habit someone had in the past \_\_\_\_\_
- c) the certain outcome of an *if* clause **2** and \_\_\_\_\_
- d) the possible outcome of an *if* clause \_\_\_\_\_
- e) strong advice for someone to do something **1** and \_\_\_\_\_
- f) a good outcome in the future based on strong evidence \_\_\_\_\_
- g) the possibility that something will happen in the future \_\_\_\_\_
- h) a suggestion for someone to do something \_\_\_\_\_

**C Complete the sentence using a word from the box.**

would   should   could   might

**Example:** If you want someone to do something you ask if they would or could do it for you.

- 1 If you have strong evidence that something good will happen in the future you say it \_\_\_\_\_ happen.
- 2 If you think it's possible that something will happen in the future you say it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ happen.
- 3 If you want to give someone strong advice you say they \_\_\_\_\_ do something.
- 4 If you want to make a suggestion you say someone \_\_\_\_\_ do something.
- 5 If you are talking about an ability in the past you say someone \_\_\_\_\_ do something.
- 6 If you are talking about a habit in the past you say someone \_\_\_\_\_ do something.
- 7 To talk about the certain outcome of an 'if' clause you use \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 To talk about the possible outcome of an 'if' clause you use \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

C

... I'm writing in case you ever decide to go to Ireland. Despite the bad weather, I had a wonderful time. Although I didn't have much money, it was still easy to find places to stay, and in spite of having been to Ireland twice before, I still found plenty of new things to see. Due to it being an island, the weather can be quite changeable. It's a pity that because I didn't have/of not having much free time I couldn't stay longer ...

**30 Look, look like, look as if 1**

A

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 She looks       | 5 She looks like  |
| 2 She looks as if | 6 She looks like  |
| 3 She looks       | 7 She looks       |
| 4 She looks as if | 8 She looks as if |

B

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 sounds like      | 5 She sounds       |
| 2 She sounds as if | 6 She sounds as if |
| 3 She sounds like  | 7 She sounds like  |
| 4 She sounds as if | 8 She sounds       |

**31 Look, look like, look as if 2**

A

- |                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1d ice               | 4e runner    |
| 2f (old) socks       | 5a old woman |
| 3b applause/clapping |              |

B

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|--------|-------------------|
| 1 like | 3 —               |
| 2 like | 4 as if/as though |

C

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| 1 smells like | 3 sounds like            | 5 looks as if/as though |
| 2 tastes      | 4 sounds as if/as though |                         |

**32 Modal verbs 1**

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1 Could/Would | 5 should/could |
| 2 could/might | 6 could        |
| 3 could       | 7 could/might  |
| 4 would       | 8 would        |

**33 Modal verbs 2**

A

- |     |     |     |      |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 1 a | 2 b | 3 b | 4 a  | 5 b | 6 a |
| 7 a | 8 b | 9 b | 10 a |     |     |

B

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| a 7 | b 8 | c 3 | d 4 | e 10 | f 5 |
| g 6 | h 9 |     |     |      |     |

C

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1 should       | 5 could        |
| 2 could, might | 6 would        |
| 3 should       | 7 would        |
| 4 could        | 8 could, might |

**34 Modal verbs 3**

A

- 1 Will you have to find a job there?
- 2 Will you have to learn Spanish while you're there?
- 3 Will you be able to go camping in the countryside?
- 4 Will I/we be able to write to you?
- 5 Will you be able to drive a car there?
- 6 Will you have to have lots of injections?
- 7 Will you be able to come home if you really want to?

B

- 1 do you have to be/must you be
- 2 can vote/will be able to vote

3 will have to start

4 won't be able to go

5 won't have to pay

6 must keep/have to keep

7 can do/will be able to do

8 will have to see

**35 Modal verbs 4**

A

- 1 won't be able to
- 2 can't

B

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1 a X b ✓ | 4 a X b ✓ |
| 2 a X b ✓ | 5 a ✓ b ✓ |
| 3 a ✓ b ✓ |           |

C

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 2 a | 3 c | 4 d |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

**36 Modal verbs 5**

A

- 1 could/might even have died
- 2 should have listened
- 3 should have checked
- 4 shouldn't go
- 5 could/might easily have missed
- 6 would have been
- 7 would know
- 8 could learn/would learn
- 9 should have taken
- 10 should have told
- 11 shouldn't have gone out
- 12 would have been
- 13 should have known
- 14 could/might still catch

B

- 1 would have done it.
- 2 shouldn't have bought them.
- 3 couldn't have stolen it.
- 4 might/could have taken it/the plane.
- 5 should have rung her.

**37 Modal verbs 6**

A

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 have gone       | 6 have fallen/fall |
| 3 have lent       | 7 have grown       |
| 4 find/have found | 8 have looked      |
| 5 have finished   | 9 have stopped     |

B

- 1 would have been
- 2 could/might have finished
- 3 should have dug
- 4 would certainly have finished
- 5 would/might/could have fallen
- 6 should have finished
- 7 could move

**38 Modal verbs 7**

A

- |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 2 a | 3 b | 4 a | 5 a | 6 b |
| 7 a | 8 b |     |     |     |     |

B

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 2 a | 3 a | 4 b | 5 a | 6 b |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

C

- Possible endings: 1 b    2 a    3 a, b    4 a, b  
                                  5 a    6 a    7 b