

Modal verbs 5

would/should/could have done referring to the past

A Alan went sailing and got lost in a storm. He was rescued by a ship. When the captain heard Alan's story, he was not very sympathetic. Complete the captain's sentences using the words in brackets with *should*, *would* or *could/might* (in this situation *could* and *might* mean the same thing) in the correct form.



Don't you realise you could have drifted (drift) for days?
 You 1 _____ (even die) if we hadn't seen you. You 2 _____ (listen) to the weather forecast before you left and you 3 _____ (check) your petrol supply. You 4 _____ (not go) sailing again until you learn to do it properly. You were lucky we found you; we 5 _____ (easily miss) you out in the open sea and then you 6 _____ (be) in real trouble. If you went to classes you 7 _____ (know) what to do and you 8 _____ (learn) to be a real sailor, though I'm not sure of that. You 9 _____ (take) some waterproof clothes and a life jacket when you set out, and you 10 _____ (tell) someone where you were going. In fact, you 11 _____ (go out) at all as the weather's been so changeable recently. If you had died it 12 _____ (be) all your own fault, and you're not a child either; you 13 _____ (know) better. You 14 _____ (still catch) influenza, so keep warm.

B Use a modal from the box and the underlined verb to complete what each speaker says.

should could would might/could

- 1 I'm sorry I didn't do it, but if there'd been time I certainly _____.
- 2 I bought some shoes which didn't fit me; I _____.
- 3 He was miles away when it was stolen so he _____.
- 4 Lola took the train. If the plane hadn't been so expensive, she _____.
- 5 I still haven't rung her although I know I _____.

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

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 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

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|----------------|----------------|
| 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

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| 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 |
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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

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 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 |
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C

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