
MODAL VERBS

EXERCISE 1

Choose the correct answer.

1. I'm afraid I **can't / needn't** play tennis tomorrow. I've got a dentist appointment.
2. Jerry **couldn't / mustn't** be angry at me. I've never done anything to upset him.
3. I **have to / could** go to the embassy today because I lost my passport.
4. We **had better / seem to** check the dimensions of the room again before we start cutting this new carpet.
5. We're not related -- we **are just likely to / just happen to** have the same last name.
6. I know it's rather rude, but **would / may** I ask you where you purchased that pocket watch? I have been looking for one like that for my father.
7. You can wear what you like, but you **must / may** look neat and tidy.
8. I **needn't / shouldn't** go to the supermarket; we're going to the restaurant tonight.
9. I really **shall / ought to** walk my dog more. He's so fat.
10. **Shall / will** we move into the living room? It's more comfortable in there and there's a beautiful view of the lake.

EXERCISE 2

Choose the correct answer.

1. You **shouldn't / don't have to** wash your black pants in hot water or the color will fade.
2. He **used to / had better** play football for the local team, but he's too old now.
3. My coat is made of fake fur; I **would / must** never wear the real thing.
4. I don't really want to go back to France again this year. I **am obliged to / would sooner** go to Spain.
5. I **was about to / was bound to** complain to the manager but the waiter came over and apologised.
6. Where were you last night? You **were about to / were supposed to** be at the party!
7. The meeting was very stressful. Something bad **used to / was bound to** happen.
8. Future generations **will be able to / will have to** live with the results of our wasteful lifestyle.
9. During this interview, you **happen to / are obliged to** answer all the questions honestly.
10. This toy **is supposed to / is likely to** be indestructible, but my 3-year-old son broke it in 2 days!

EXERCISE 3

Choose the correct answer.

1. My dad **is / was** going to blow up when he finds out I dented the car last night.
2. Howard's wife has been ill recently, so I don't think they will **have to / be able to** come to the party.
3. My father's company has been experiencing some financial difficulties, so they **may be able to / are going to have to** lay off some staff.
4. A leader **might have been able to / must be able to** communicate effectively in order to be successful.
5. My daughter and her boyfriend were here somewhere but they **would rather have / seem to have** disappeared.
6. He **can't have broken / couldn't break** the classroom window. He wasn't even in school today.
7. They **might have got / are about to get** lost. Nobody knows where they are.
8. The computer isn't working. They **were supposed to damage / must have damaged** it during production.
9. I **can't have / shouldn't have** yelled at you yesterday. I'm sorry.
10. She **could have / must have** learned Swahili, but she didn't have time.

EXERCISE 4

Choose the correct answer.

1. We **would have joined / had better join** you at the restaurant, but we couldn't get a babysitter.
2. I don't know where Jerry is but he **may / must** be sleeping at home.
3. Children are amazingly energetic; they **can / should** play for hours without getting tired.
4. Susan **couldn't / didn't use to** hear the speaker because the crowd was cheering so loudly.
5. How **may / dare** you say that I am lazy!
6. You **mustn't / don't have to** be rich to be successful. Some of the most successful people I know haven't got a penny to their name.
7. Your library book was due yesterday, so you **had better / had to** return it right away if you don't want to pay a fine.
8. Fortunately, no one **dared to / happened to** be in the house at the time of the explosion.
9. Oh my God, he's unconscious. Don't move him - he **is to / might** have internal injuries. Somebody call an ambulance.
10. You haven't eaten all day. You **must / used to** be hungry.

EXERCISE 5

Choose the correct answer.

- You kids **may / need to** stop fooling around, and do your homework!
- We **ought to / get used to** eat lots of fruit and vegetables every day.
- There was a big dump of snow on the mountain overnight, so the skiing **used to / should** be great today!
- He was a salesman, so he **will have to / was used to** travelling up and down the country.
- I estimated that I **would / will** need \$1,500 for my trip to Quebec.
- I would rather you **hadn't rung / didn't ring** me at work. I had to talk about my private life in front of my colleagues!
- My lunch **shouldn't / won't** fit in this container. Don't we have anything bigger?
- According to the instructions, you **are not to / aren't able to** use this medicine orally.
- Cats **would rather / are supposed to** be afraid of dogs, but ours isn't.
- People are **unlikely / unable** to listen to him now because they know he lied.

EXERCISE 6

Choose the correct answer.

- He **wasn't / hasn't been** able to get in touch with the client yet.
- University students **are bound to / should** experience stress during their educational career.
- Smokers are **likely / obliged** to develop lung cancer more frequently compared to non-smokers.
- I'm afraid my girlfriend **needs to / is going to** leave me because she seems interested in a friend of mine.
- Depending on what time the party ends, I **will have to / might be able to** give you a ride home.
- Listen, I'll be frank. You **are going to have to / might be able to** do a better job than this or we **don't seem to / won't** be able to employ you anymore.
- Wow! Another new car? You **must / may** be earning a lot!
- The progress of the disease **seems to / might** have accelerated somewhat in the last week, and his doctor is very worried.
- The plane **must / may** have crashed due to pilot error. Airline officials aren't sure yet.
- Jane and Bill **might / should** not have gotten the invitation to the party. Perhaps, that's why they didn't

show up. They would never skip your birthday party - they're your best friends!

EXERCISE 7

Choose the correct answer.

- Oh no! Frank's wallet is lying on the coffee table. He **must / should** have left it here last night.
- He **should / must** have corrected these errors in his essay before handing it in.
- I **shouldn't / couldn't** have arrived any earlier. There was a terrible traffic jam.
- We **would / should** have overlooked many things in the exhibition without our guide.
- This bill **can't / shouldn't** be right. £200 for two cups of coffee!
- Could / May** you please change the baby's diaper while I make her something to eat?
- How **dare / must** you listen to a private conversation?
- When I was in high school, we **had to / had better** memorize the names of all the chemical elements.
- There's a lot of expensive stereo equipment in here, so we **didn't use to / had better not** leave the door unlocked.

EXERCISE 8

Choose the correct answer.

- He asked if he **might / may** borrow the car.
- You **mustn't / don't have to** forget to pay the rent tomorrow. The landlord is very strict about paying on time.
- Entrance to the museum was free. We **needn't have paid / didn't need to pay** to get in.
- You **ought to / would rather** check the air pressure in your tires. You don't want to get a flat tire on your trip.
- We gradually **got used to / ought to be** living in a new city after a few weeks.
- When I lived in Italy, we **would / should** often eat in the restaurant next to my flat.
- She would rather you **hadn't phoned / didn't phone** after 10 o'clock. That's when she puts her kids to sleep.
- You **are to / don't have to** report to the head office by 8.30 am.
- He devotes too much time to his job; he **happens to / should** spend more time with his family.
- You are not **supposed / able** to talk to the people older than you in that way.

EXERCISE 9

Choose the correct answer.

1. The company is not **likely / obliged** to make a profit in the second half of the year.
2. We **were able / seemed** to buy these jeans at half the regular price because they have some very minor defects.
3. Mobile and virtual reality developments are so rapid, your brand-new Gear VR **is bound to / must** be outmoded in a year at most.
4. As a result of falling profits, we **must have closed / were obliged to close** the factory.
5. The guy at the garage said that the engine needs a major repair or we are **going / able** to have serious problems.
6. He is the strongest runner in the race. Normally, he **may need to / should be able to** win this race easily.
7. You **won't be able to / won't have to** meet your deadline if you don't stop fooling around, and get busy.
8. You **will be able to / will have to** pay a fine if you don't pay your tax on time.
9. The gas tank is completely empty; we **are going to have to / should be able to** walk.
10. Debbie hasn't come home yet; she **is still about to be / must still be** waiting for us in the coffee shop.

EXERCISE 10

Choose the correct answer.

1. I **can't / shouldn't** have lost the umbrella on the bus. I used it after I got off.
2. Picasso **might / need** not have painted that painting. It could be a forgery.
3. They hadn't eaten all day. They **must / could** have been hungry.
4. Our neighbours **shouldn't / couldn't** have cut down the tree in their garden. It was a really beautiful tree.
5. They **could / must** have won the race, but they didn't try hard enough.
6. I **would / seem to** have called you, but I didn't know your number.
7. They do not **appear / have** to be at home. No one's answering.
8. Her son has a big appetite and **can / should** eat about half a dozen hamburgers at a time.
9. In theory, humans **could / will** travel at the speed of light.
10. Not many people **dared / had** to argue with the boss.

EXERCISE 11

Choose the correct answer.

1. I don't like **having / being able** to get up early on a Sunday.
2. You don't know how to fix the lights; you **had better not / needn't** try anything stupid.
3. There's a strange sound coming from the engine. I think it **may / is to** be a problem with the fan belt.
4. You mustn't be afraid of change; rather, you **are likely to / must** welcome it and embrace it.
5. You **would rather / need to** be very gentle when you pick up a new-born baby.
6. Try phoning Robert – he **should / is going to** be home by now.
7. I think we met once, a couple of years ago. Did you **have to / use to** work with Kevin Harris?
8. We had a terrible night. The baby **wouldn't / didn't use to** go to sleep. He kept waking up and crying.
9. Fast cars do not impress me much; I **seem to / would rather** ride a bicycle.
10. During a dental check-up, the dentist **will / is able to** examine your teeth and gums for signs of tooth decay and gum disease.

EXERCISE 12

Choose the correct answer.

- The peace agreement **happens to / is to** be implemented within the next few days.
- This software program **is supposed to / dares to** help ESL students learn vocabulary.
- If you have problems at home, it **had better / is bound to** affect your work.
- The price of petrol is **likely / obliged** to rise again this year.
- He was not a very good golfer at first, but through his effort and determination **had to / was able to** improve quickly.
- Apparently, the Prime Minister **could have called / is going to call** an election, but no announcement has yet been made.
- Professional athletes **have to be able to / will get used to** recover quickly from a workout or their rate of improvement will diminish.
- We **will be able to / are going to have to** make some drastic changes in this company if we want to keep from going bankrupt.
- We **will need to change/will be able to** the format of our presentation because they don't have the software to support a presentation of this kind in the meeting room.
- There is a gap of about half an hour between the two shows, so we **could have got / should be able to get** something to eat.

EXERCISE 13

Choose the correct answer.

- You **will / would** have to change needles on the sewing machine because this fabric is very thick.
- Make sure you pour water over the campfire before leaving because it **needs to / could** be burning underneath.
- I **can't / shouldn't have left** my keys at Simon's house. I wouldn't have been able to drive home if I had done that. They **are to / must** be somewhere here in the apartment. Let's keep looking.
- According to some historians, Robin Hood, one of the great English folk heroes, **will / may** have never existed.
- Doug **would / must** have returned the video we rented on his way to work. It was on the table, but now it's gone.
- Lucy **should / will** have left earlier. She missed her flight.
- They **couldn't / must not** have been kinder to me. They were absolutely lovely.

- In space, astronauts **can't / shouldn't** cry because there is no gravity, so the tears **aren't supposed to / can't** flow.
- She **couldn't / shouldn't** possibly be the winner of the talent show! The other acts were much better than hers.
- My immune system is weak right now, so I **may / have to** be careful not to catch the flu.

EXERCISE 14

Choose the correct answer.

- You **had better / are able to** wash that cut if you don't want it to get infected.
- Don't leave your cup so close to the edge of the table, or it **has to / might** fall off.
- Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He **must / had better** be exhausted after such a long flight.
- I appreciate your individualism, but sometimes you **are likely to / need to** learn to work as part of a team.
- You **shouldn't / aren't bound to** judge people by what they say. Rather, you **used to / should** look at their deeds.
- I **didn't use to / had better not** like broccoli when I was younger, but I love it now.
- My ideal husband **is going to / would** share the responsibilities of housework and child raising.
- I **would rather / had better** they did something about it instead of just talking about it.
- A meeting of the top 5 industrialized nations **happens to / is to** take place next month in Bonn.
- We **seem to / are supposed to** pay the Council Tax at the beginning of the month.

EXERCISE 15

Choose the correct answer.

- If you wait in front of a door long enough, somebody **had to / is bound to** come along and open it.
- Since World War Two, Japan has been **about / able** to reconstruct itself into one of the most dynamic economies in the world.
- We haven't quite finalized the speaker's list for the conference, but we should **have to / be able to** do that within the next few days.
- If people don't do more to recycle, the city **is going to have to / must be able to** expand the current site of the city dump.
- People in this generation **can / need to** be able to adapt to change quickly because of the dynamic nature of technological change in modern society.
- You **will / should** have to make a more earnest effort on your homework if you hope to pass the course.

7. We **didn't have to cook / needn't have cooked** so much food for the party. Most of it was untouched.
8. I'm not really sure where Beverly is. She **can / might** be sitting in the living room, or perhaps she's in the backyard.
9. A: "I heard that Suzy got caught shoplifting yesterday afternoon"
B: "She **shouldn't / can't** have done it. She and I were at the movies all afternoon"
10. Carl doubts that the company **should / may** have rejected his application because he is African-American.

EXERCISE 16

Choose the correct answer.

1. You look happy. You **can / must** have heard the good news.
2. You **couldn't / shouldn't** have taken this job. I can see you're not enjoying it.
3. Julie **could / may** have bought the book, but she borrowed it from the library instead.
4. Children's cartoons are certainly entertaining, but they **can / have got to be** somewhat violent at times.
5. **Could / Should** you dial the number for me? My hands are all dirty.
6. The sun came out so we **weren't supposed to / didn't need to** take any rainwear on the trip.
7. Unfortunately, James and Michelle had already made plans, so they **couldn't / wouldn't** come with us to the exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art.
8. Because the birth rate is low in this country, we **could / have to** increase our population through immigration.
9. You **had better / would rather** keep a sweater handy when we go to the beach because it'll probably get cold this evening.
10. He **may not / couldn't** have passed the exam, even if he had studied harder. It was a really, really difficult exam.

EXERCISE 17

Choose the correct answer.

1. My car **may / had better** be ugly, but it's certainly dependable. In fact, I haven't had a problem with it in over five years.
2. I've redone this math problem at least twenty times, but my answer is wrong according to the answer key. The answer in the book **might / must** be wrong!
3. A proper summary **is likely to / should** only include the main points, not all the minor details.
4. University is very different from school, but don't worry. You will soon **have to / get used to** studying there.

5. He always fights dirty, so I **would / could** stay away from him.
6. Your mum isn't really too fussy about cards and presents for Mother's Day. She'd rather you just **had visited / visited** her.
7. So, George **is able to / is to** contact the Stockholm office, and Patricia **used to / is to** speak to the Elsico representative. Agreed?
8. The factory is functionally designed. It isn't **supposed / bound** to be nice looking, it is **about / supposed** to produce shoes.
9. Our fundraising effort was very successful, and we **had better / were able to** collect almost \$2000.
10. If the government ever really enforces our drug laws, they **may as well / will have to** put thousands of people in jail.

EXERCISE 18

Choose the correct answer.

1. Don't drop by at 7:20 PM. I **might be watching / may have watched** TV then.
2. Due to the destructive activities of humans, the population of wild orang-utans **may be diminishing / may have diminished** in the past decade by as much as 50%.
3. Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It **must / should** have cost a fortune.
4. We **shouldn't / can't** have invited so many people to our party! I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone.
5. Many of these patients **would rather / could** have had better outcomes if they had been in Canada with the better treatment there.
6. The bus arrived 2 minutes after you left, so you **wouldn't / needn't** have taken a cab.
7. A single ant colony **can / happens to** include over 5 million busy members.
8. Financing a new business is a risky operation; you **must / could** lose a lot of money.
9. Frank and Sarah **didn't have to / couldn't** get tickets to the concert. The concert was sold out a little over an hour after tickets went on sale.
10. **Should / Will** you hurry up, please? We don't have an infinite amount of time!

EXERCISE 19

Choose the correct answer.

1. Police **had to / could** evacuate the building because of a bomb scare.
2. You **are likely to / had better** take lots of water when you go hiking so that you don't get dehydrated.
3. They wanted to know if they **will / might** come later.
4. I was using my pencil a minute ago. It **must / could** be here somewhere!
5. I'm sorry, but you **don't have to / mustn't** make noise in here.
6. When I was a little boy, I **would / used to** enjoy spending time at the park watching sticks float down the stream, and chasing after them.
7. When they were children, they **would / should** get up early every morning and they **ought to / would** have a quick breakfast then they **might / would** run across the road to the beach.
8. Children going outside in the bright sun **can / should** wear sunblock with a factor of at least 15.
9. My boss always wants me to work overtime, but I **am able to / would rather** spend the time with my family and friends.
10. I usually drink domestic beers, but sometimes I **will / would** have an imported one as a special treat.

EXERCISE 20

Choose the correct answer.

1. You **mustn't stop / can't have stopped** your car on a motorway unless there is an emergency.
2. I am **able / supposed** to go home before it gets dark. My father gets angry if I'm late.
3. Get lots of rest, and drink plenty of fluids, and you should **have felt / be feeling** much better within a couple of days.
4. That wedding **must / should** have cost my brother and his wife at least \$5,000. It was so fancy!
5. You **shouldn't / couldn't** pour motor oil into the storm drains on the street because the water there goes into the ocean, and will pollute it.
6. I **wasn't supposed to eat / shouldn't have eaten** so much chocolate! I feel sick!
7. Why didn't you tell me? I **could have helped / was able to help** you!
8. Sales have been disappointingly slow so far this summer. Normally, we **will / would** be doing much better than this at this time of the year.
9. Dad **wouldn't / shouldn't** lend me the car the other day, so we **could have taken / had to take** the train.
10. It didn't **use / need** to be so crowded in the shops as it is nowadays.

MODAL VERBS - TEST 1

1. **You ---- borrow the car today, but you ---- have it tomorrow.**
 - A) had to / didn't have to
 - B) can / can't
 - C) must have / can't have
 - D) should / would rather not

2. **We ---- take an alternate route to the airport because of the road construction.**
 - A) happened to
 - B) seemed to
 - C) had to
 - D) were able to

3. **---- mind my baby while I go to the toilet?**
 - A) Should you
 - B) May you
 - C) Could you
 - D) Would you rather

4. **Someone ---- alert the police; we've been robbed.**
 - A) had better
 - B) will
 - C) would
 - D) has got to

5. **Don't lean your bicycle against the window because it ---- fall and break the glass.**
 - A) shall
 - B) might
 - C) seems to
 - D) needs to

6. **It's snowing, so it ---- be very cold outside.**
 - A) had better
 - B) must
 - C) ought to
 - D) needs to

7. **You ---- arrive at least two hours before your departure time for international flights.**
 - A) should
 - B) are able to
 - C) are about to
 - D) can

8. **Our old cat ---- like to sit on my lap while I read in the evenings.**
 - A) should
 - B) had to
 - C) used to
 - D) could

9. **Sandra's hometown is a heavily industrialized city; I ---- want to live there.**
 - A) wouldn't
 - B) shouldn't
 - C) couldn't
 - D) ought not to

10. **I ---- buy local products than buy stuff made elsewhere.**
 - A) need
 - B) dare to
 - C) might have
 - D) would rather

11. She was initially shy, but she got over it quickly, and ---- play well in her first public performance.
- A) was to
 - B) had to
 - C) was supposed to
 - D) was able to
12. Everyone ---- replace all their VCRs with DVDs very soon.
- A) must have
 - B) is going to have to
 - C) happens to
 - D) used to
13. The original inhabitants ---- peanuts; peanuts were unknown at the time.
- A) shouldn't have eaten
 - B) won't have eaten
 - C) weren't supposed to eat
 - D) can't have eaten
14. Authorities now believe the robber ---- help from inside.
- A) should have had
 - B) may have had
 - C) had better have
 - D) is going to have
15. She is certain that she had her purse when she got off the bus, so she ---- it somewhere at the mall.
- A) needed to leave
 - B) was bound to leave
 - C) should have left
 - D) must have left
16. I want to apologize for getting angry with you. It wasn't your fault that I didn't get the job, so I ---- at you.
- A) shouldn't have yelled
 - B) may not have yelled
 - C) couldn't have yelled
 - D) must not have yelled
17. I ---- up late, but I decided to go to bed early.
- A) was able to stay
 - B) might stay
 - C) had better stay
 - D) could have stayed
18. My parents never allowed me to argue with them when I was young; I just ---- listen to them yell at me, and ---- say anything in my own defence.
- A) would / was unable
 - B) used to / can't
 - C) had to / couldn't
 - D) ought to / shouldn't
19. Alcohol ---- seriously affect your judgment, so you --- - never drink, and then do anything important.
- A) should / could
 - B) would rather / must
 - C) can/ should
 - D) may / may
20. I often think that I ---- medicine instead of pharmacy. I ---- happier now.
- A) should study / seem to be
 - B) can study / may be
 - C) would have studied / could have been
 - D) ought to have studied / would be

MODAL VERBS - TEST 2

1. **In very quiet conditions, a human ear ---- detect the sound of a wristwatch from a distance of 5,5 metres.**
 - A) must
 - B) had better
 - C) can
 - D) is about to

2. **Why do you insist on driving after you've been drinking? You ---- kill someone.**
 - A) must
 - B) could
 - C) are obliged to
 - D) are supposed to

3. **Ingrid received a scholarship to Yale University. So, she ---- worry at all about the cost of her education.**
 - A) doesn't happen to
 - B) is not to
 - C) couldn't
 - D) doesn't have to

4. **Coffee is not successful at sobering up a drunk person, and in many cases it ---- actually increase the negative effects of alcohol.**
 - A) may
 - B) must
 - C) is able to
 - D) has got to

5. **You ---- your bank immediately if your credit cards are lost or stolen.**
 - A) would be informing
 - B) would rather inform
 - C) must inform
 - D) may be informing

6. **Pregnant women ---- sports with a high risk for falls or impact, such as skiing or horseback riding.**
 - A) might be avoiding
 - B) should avoid
 - C) ought to be avoiding
 - D) used to avoid

7. **Moderate dancing ---- heart rates, and ---- up to 300 calories an hour.**
 - A) would rather elevate / is to
 - B) could have elevated / may burn
 - C) might have elevated / could have burned
 - D) will elevate / can burn

8. **The salesman told me the car ---- \$5,000, but the actual cost with tax was \$5,700.**
 - A) would cost
 - B) may cost
 - C) used to cost
 - D) must have cost

9. **I would rather you ---- me for telling you the truth than adore me for telling you lies.**
 - A) had hated
 - B) hated
 - C) hating
 - D) hate

10. **This new medicine ---- diseased cells, and destroy them.**
 - A) should have attacked
 - B) might be attacking
 - C) happens to attack
 - D) is supposed to attack

11. Yesterday, finally, the police ---- identify the killer using traces of skin and blood under the victim's fingernails.
- A) were about to
 - B) had better
 - C) were able to
 - D) used to
12. If you accept the job, you ---- to Boston.
- A) may have to relocate
 - B) had to relocate
 - C) should have relocated
 - D) appear to relocate
13. The progress of the disease ---- somewhat in the last week, and his doctor is very worried.
- A) seems to have accelerated
 - B) should accelerate
 - C) would accelerate
 - D) should have accelerated
14. The baby ---- out of her crib somehow during the night because I found her this morning asleep in her toybox with all her stuffed animals.
- A) should have climbed
 - B) must have climbed
 - C) was about to climb
 - D) had to climb
15. I'd like to apologize to you for waking you up last night. I ---- so late.
- A) wasn't going to phone
 - B) don't seem to have phoned
 - C) shouldn't have phoned
 - D) must not have phoned
16. He ---- harder, but he was too lazy and that's why he failed the exam.
- A) would rather study
 - B) needs to study
 - C) used to study
 - D) could have studied
17. You ---- at least seven questions correctly to ---- pass the exam.
- A) had better answer / have to
 - B) should be able to answer / need to
 - C) have to answer / seem to
 - D) are supposed to answer / be able to
18. You ---- be joking! If you think I'm going to give you a tip after you mixed up the meal orders, spilled wine on me and insulted my wife, you ---- get your head examined!
- A) should / could
 - B) are obliged to / need to
 - C) have got to / had better
 - D) must / could
19. We ---- Tim before we go over to his house; he ---- there. I don't want to drive all the way there for nothing.
- A) had to call / might not have been
 - B) should call / might not be
 - C) will be able to call / doesn't have to be
 - D) could call / is reluctant to be
20. You ---- commit suicide by holding your breath; you - --- soon lose consciousness, and then start to breathe automatically.
- A) can't / would
 - B) shouldn't / could
 - C) aren't able to / must
 - D) wouldn't / should

MODAL VERBS - TEST 3

1. **To be successful readers of science, students ---- the many new words they may encounter.**
 - A) must be able to recognize
 - B) should have recognized
 - C) can recognize
 - D) would sooner

2. **In the future, many household appliances will probably be smart, and people ---- them from work.**
 - A) may have programmed
 - B) will be able to program
 - C) can program
 - D) had better program

3. **The police ---- lethal force to stop the man from killing his children.**
 - A) happen to use
 - B) used to use
 - C) were obliged to use
 - D) dare to use

4. **Children of adolescent mothers ---- be poor, and to receive inadequate healthcare and education.**
 - A) should
 - B) might
 - C) are about to
 - D) are likely to

5. **The police interviewed a number of witnesses, but ---- come up with any new information.**
 - A) wouldn't
 - B) were unable to
 - C) ought not to
 - D) needn't

6. **Nestor ---- go parachuting with us, but he bailed at the last minute.**
 - A) must
 - B) used to
 - C) was supposed to
 - D) appeared to

7. **If tigers ---- survive in the wild, they will need massive human intervention.**
 - A) should
 - B) needed to
 - C) are to
 - D) were to

8. **You ---- weight if you ---- more exercise.**
 - A) should have lost / had taken
 - B) lost / took
 - C) could lose / had taken
 - D) would lose/ took

9. **You ---- always read the label carefully before taking any medication.**
 - A) should
 - B) could
 - C) might
 - D) would rather

10. **They claimed that the plastics ---- if we---- them.**
 - A) won't decay / bury
 - B) wouldn't have decayed / bury
 - C) wouldn't decay / buried
 - D) ought not to decay / might bury

11. **You ---- the necessary documentation to us before the office closes on Wednesday afternoon at 5:00.**
- A) would send
 - B) seemed to send
 - C) should have sent
 - D) must send
12. **Severe food shortages caused by two years of drought ---- up to 300,000 people in southern Africa over the next six months.**
- A) may kill
 - B) should have killed
 - C) were supposed to kill
 - D) are able to kill
13. **The patient ---- to different departments in the hospital for all kinds of tests.**
- A) happened to go
 - B) had to go
 - C) should have gone
 - D) was obliged to go
14. **We ---- smell the distinct odor of marijuana when we entered the nightclub.**
- A) may
 - B) could
 - C) are able to
 - D) were supposed to
15. **We ---- the inadequacies of our school system simply by pouring more money into the education budget.**
- A) cannot solve
 - B) daren't solve
 - C) shouldn't be able to solve
 - D) wouldn't have to
16. **Nancy said you ---- her anything for her birthday, but I really think you ---- her some flowers or a nice bottle of wine.**
- A) may not buy / will get
 - B) aren't supposed to buy / might get
 - C) didn't need to buy / should get
 - D) shouldn't have bought / are able to get
17. **The human eye---- more than 1 million simultaneous visual impressions, and ----discriminate among nearly 8 million gradations of color.**
- A) should perceive / can
 - B) is supposed to perceive / could
 - C) would perceive / used to
 - D) can perceive /is able to
18. **It ---- a bad idea to take some snacks along while we're hiking. Last time, we got so hungry we ---- back early without finishing the hike.**
- A) can't have been / should come
 - B) might not be / had to come
 - C) wouldn't be / had better come
 - D) needn't have been /should have come
19. **The children ---- their homework last night. Then they ---- on the way to school now.**
- A) could have done / wouldn't have panicked
 - B) should have done / wouldn't be panicking
 - C) may have done /didn't use to panic
 - D) would rather have done / shouldn't be panicking
20. **You ---- so much sugary food. Now you feel sick and ---- to the cinema.**
- A) wouldn't have eaten / aren't used to going
 - B) shouldn't have eaten / won't be able to go
 - C) didn't have to eat / needn't go
 - D) don't have to eat / are not to go

MODAL VERBS - TEST 4

1. **I'm not really sure if Susan is going to go snowboarding with us or not. She ---- to stay here and study for her Japanese final. She ---- a good score on the test.**
 - A) may have decided / had to get
 - B) may decide / has got to get
 - C) is to decide / could get
 - D) may as well decide / might have got

2. **You ---- along some cash. The restaurant ---- credit cards.**
 - A) had better take / may not accept
 - B) are bound to take / shouldn't accept
 - C) could have taken / isn't going to accept
 - D) were supposed to take / might not accept

3. **I know Eve wants to go to the ballet with us, but we ---- her before we get her ticket. She works Wednesday nights, and she ---- time off that evening.**
 - A) should have called / couldn't get
 - B) had better call / might not be able to get
 - C) will have called / doesn't have to get
 - D) are used to calling / may not be getting

4. **You ---- your brother you broke his new CD player just yet; it ---- him.**
 - A) had better not tell / would infuriate
 - B) daren't tell / is about to infuriate
 - C) aren't obliged to tell / should infuriate
 - D) must not have told / might have infuriated

5. **Pregnant women ---- alcohol because it ---- the foetus.**
 - A) don't have to drink / could have harmed
 - B) don't need to drink / is supposed to harm
 - C) must not drink / used to harm
 - D) shouldn't drink / may harm

6. **I would love to go on the cruise to Tahiti with Robin. But such a luxurious trip ---- a fortune. I doubt I ---- something like that.**
 - A) would cost / am to afford
 - B) is likely to cost / should afford
 - C) must cost / could afford
 - D) needs to cost / have to afford

7. **Because some people ---- allergic to chemicals in artificial plant foods, the book says that you ---- an organic brand to avoid skin irritations.**
 - A) should be / might use
 - B) ought to be / are to use
 - C) could have been / should have used
 - D) might be / should use

8. **Mrs. Scarlett's body was found in the lounge just moments ago, and it's still warm! Nobody has left the mansion this evening, so the killer ---- someone in this room. It ---- be any one of us!!!**
 - A) happened to be / used to
 - B) must be / could
 - C) might be / is to
 - D) should have been / has to

9. **John ---- early, then he ---- the plane.**
 - A) must have left / would rather not have missed
 - B) needs to leave / couldn't have missed
 - C) might be leaving / may not be missing
 - D) should have left / wouldn't have missed

10. **---- we pull over at the next rest stop? I really ---- the bathroom and I don't know if I can hold it until we get to Chicago.**
 - A) Can/ must use
 - B) Should / will use
 - C) Could / must have used
 - D) Will / might have used

11. **You ---- these delicate clothes by hand because they ---- damaged in your washing machine.**
 - A) should wash / could get
 - B) must have washed / should have got
 - C) may be washing / are bound to get
 - D) are to wash / would be getting

12. **When you have a small child in the house, you ---- small objects lying around. Children ---- swallow such objects and they may cause them serious injury or even death.**
 - A) aren't likely to leave / need to
 - B) daren't leave / used to
 - C) mustn't leave / can
 - D) may not leave / are supposed to

13. We ---- a better system to organize our files because I ---- anything in this mess.

- A) are likely to devise / needn't find
- B) could have devised / shouldn't have found
- C) need to devise / can't find
- D) are able to devise / may not have found

14. You ---- a high fence around your swimming pool; if a child gets in there, he ----.

- A) are about to build / needs to drown
- B) are used to building / are likely to drown
- C) must have built / should be drowning
- D) had better build / could drown

15. You ----shout; I ---- you quite easily!

- A) didn't have to/ could have heard
- B) weren't supposed to/ was to hear
- C) ought not to/was able to hear
- D) don't have to/ can hear

16. According to the reports, the drug ---- induce heart attacks, and therefore physicians ---- the users closely.

- A) may / should follow
- B) should / might follow
- C) is to / could have followed
- D) happens to / will have followed

17. The book is optional. My professor said that we ---- it if we needed extra credit. But we ---- read it if we don't want to.

- A) have to read / couldn't
- B) could read / don't have to
- C) had to read / aren't obliged to
- D) may read / didn't have to

18. You ---- your umbrella along with you today. The weatherman on the news said that there's a storm north of here and it ---- later on this afternoon.

- A) should / had better rain
- B) must take / might rain
- C) had better / may rain
- D) must have taken /

19. People ---- that cell phones were harmless, but now we are hearing that they ---- bad for our health.

- A) used to think / may be
- B) would think / should have been
- C) may think / are supposed to be
- D) would have thought / could be

20. The doctors diagnosed him with kidney and liver dysfunction, so the patient ---- transplants or he ----

- A) must get / must have died
- B) may have got / should have died
- C) had to get / would have died
- D) has to get / could have died

PERFECT MODALS

MUST HAVE V3

SHOULD HAVE V3/

MAY HAVE + V3

1. The poor man **must have / may have** been absolutely delighted when he heard he had won the biggest prize in the lottery.
2. The problem **shouldn't have / may not have** been ignored although it was a minor one at the very beginning. Now it is a major problem to be dealt with.
3. The house looks absolutely wonderful. It is clear that somebody **should have / must have** spent a fortune on the decoration.
4. One of the learners has scored the highest grade in the last four exams. He **must have / should have** been working hard recently.
5. Some students didn't do well on the last test just as expected. They **must have / should have** spent more time studying and revising rather than going out with their peers too often.
6. Somebody **should have / must have** made a huge mistake in the calculation. This result doesn't make any sense.
7. It is obvious that this lucrative business **should have / must have** been managed very wisely and efficiently from the very beginning. Otherwise, it wouldn't be such a successful conglomerate now.
8. **A:** I can't find my keys anywhere!
B: Do you remember the last place you've been to?
A: I **may have / should have** left them in the shop but I just don't know!
9. **A:** Can you give me one good reason why the candidate turned down our job offer?
B: Well, there may be many factors behind his decision, one of them, I believe, is that we **should have / may have** given him the wrong impression that the salary is not as high as he thinks.
10. **A:** You know, Mary thought it would be better for her to move to Brooklyn, but she now realized that it was a big mistake.
B: I knew she would be unhappy about her decision. She just **shouldn't have / may not have** left her hometown against all odds.
11. **A:** I am so upset that I've lost my job.
B: Sorry to hear that but you **should have / must have** done something about the negative attitude you adopted towards the boss much earlier.
12. **A:** Does anybody in the office know why John hasn't showed up yet?
B: Well, we don't know either. It is possible that he **should have / may have** missed the bus he usually takes.
13. **A:** Do you have any ideas about why Jane is so angry with me?
B: Well, I think you **shouldn't have / may not have** mentioned her weight the other day. She must still be disappointed at the comment you made.
14. It is likely that some factors **must have / may have** influenced the research results. Therefore, more research is needed to determine those factors to draw a valid conclusion.
15. Human beings **should have / must have** developed an awareness of how they treat their natural environment. They have undermined the delicate balance of the nature and thus they have to address too many environmental issues for the time being.
16. It has been announced that the position advertised in the newspaper was filled the other day. The person who got the job **must have / may have** had lots of experience since that company always hires only highly qualified staff.
17. The government **shouldn't have / may not have** allowed so many immigrants to enter our country. Now, the unemployment rate is on the increase at an unprecedented rate.
18. The research findings are not conclusive. It is believed that educational background **may have / shouldn't have** played an important role in the reading habits of adults but there may as well some other factors.
19. It is still a mystery how the inmate escaped from the prison. The officials guess that one of the wardens **shouldn't have / may have** helped him.
20. It is still a controversial issue that people who have had attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) since childhood, but who have not been diagnosed **may have / should have** developed negative feelings about themselves over the years.

21. The study **should have / must have** been carried out meticulously since the amount of data gathered for the study is so vast that it is one of its kind.
22. It seems that developments in communications technology **may have / should have** had equally profound and, to the conventional-minded, disturbing effects.
23. It is claimed that the suspect's mental health problems **may have / should have** had some influence on his decision to murder the victim.
24. Some learners fail to pay any attention to what their instructors tell them to do. When they do realize that they **should have / must have** focused more, it is usually too late.
25. The government **should have / must have** been more careful about their unconventional monetary policies they have been implementing for some time. They now need to deal with the economic crisis they have created.
26. Science **may have / must have** found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all – the apathy of human beings.
27. The 1960s, a period of cultural and social upheavals, the Vietnam war, and the growing instability **should have / must have** had their effects on the crime rates – effects to which numbers cannot be assigned.

MODAL VERBS

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EX. 1		EX. 2		EX. 3		EX. 4		EX. 5	
1	can't	1	shouldn't	1	is	1	would have joined	1	need to
2	couldn't	2	used to	2	be able to	2	may	2	ought to
3	have to	3	would	3	are going to have to	3	can	3	should
4	had better	4	would sooner	4	must be able to	4	couldn't	4	was used to
5	just happen to	5	was about to	5	seem to have	5	dare	5	would
6	may	6	were supposed to	6	can't have broken	6	don't have to	6	hadn't rung
7	must	7	was bound to	7	might have got	7	had better	7	won't
8	needn't	8	will have to	8	must have damaged	8	happened to	8	are not to
9	ought to	9	are obliged to	9	shouldn't have	9	might	9	are supposed to
10	Shall	10	is supposed to	10	could have	10	must	10	unlikely

EX. 6		EX. 7		EX. 8		EX. 9		EX. 10	
1	hasn't been	1	must	1	might	1	likely	1	can't
2	are bound to	2	should	2	mustn't	2	were able	2	might
3	likely	3	couldn't	3	didn't need to pay	3	is bound to	3	must
4	is going to	4	would	4	ought to	4	were obliged to close	4	shouldn't
5	might be able to	5	can't	5	got used to	5	going	5	could
6	are going to have to/ won't	6	Could	6	would	6	should be able to	6	would
7	must	7	dare	7	didn't phone	7	won't be able to	7	appear
8	seems to	8	had to	8	are to	8	will have to	8	can
9	may	9	had better not	9	should	9	are going to have to	9	could
10	might			10	supposed	10	must still be	10	dared

EX. 11		EX. 12		EX. 13		EX. 14		EX. 15	
1	having	1	is to	1	will	1	had better	1	is bound to
2	had better not	2	is supposed to	2	could	2	might	2	able
3	may	3	is bound to	3	can't/ must	3	must	3	be able to
4	must	4	likely	4	may	4	need to	4	is going to have to
5	need to	5	was able to	5	must	5	shouldn't/ should	5	need to
6	should	6	is going to call	6	should	6	didn't use to	6	will
7	use to	7	have to be able to	7	couldn't	7	would	7	needn't have cooked
8	wouldn't	8	are going to have to	8	can't/ can't	8	would rather	8	might
9	would rather	9	will need to change	9	couldn't	9	is to	9	can't
10	will	10	should be able to get	10	have to	10	are supposed to	10	may

EX. 16		EX. 17		EX. 18		EX. 19		EX. 20	
1	must	1	may	1	might be watching	1	had to	1	mustn't stop
2	shouldn't	2	must	2	may have diminished	2	had better	2	supposed
3	could	3	should	3	must	3	might	3	be feeling
4	can	4	get used to	4	shouldn't	4	must	4	must
5	Could	5	would	5	could	5	mustn't	5	shouldn't
6	didn't need to	6	visited	6	needn't	6	used to	6	shouldn't have eaten

MODAL VERBS

7	couldn't	7	is to/ is to	7	can	7	would/would/ would	7	could have helped
8	have to	8	supposed/ supposed	8	could	8	should	8	would
9	had better	9	were able to	9	couldn't	9	would rather	9	wouldn't/ had to take
10	couldn't	10	will have to	10	Will	10	will	10	use

TEST 1				TEST 2				TEST 3				TEST 4			
1	B	11	D	1	C	11	C	1	A	11	D	1	B	11	A
2	C	12	B	2	B	12	A	2	B	12	A	2	A	12	C
3	C	13	D	3	D	13	A	3	C	13	B	3	B	13	C
4	A	14	B	4	A	14	B	4	D	14	B	4	A	14	D
5	B	15	D	5	C	15	D	5	B	15	A	5	D	15	D
6	B	16	A	6	B	16	D	6	C	16	C	6	C	16	A
7	A	17	D	7	D	17	D	7	C	17	D	7	D	17	B
8	C	18	C	8	A	18	C	8	D	18	B	8	B	18	B
9	A	19	C	9	B	19	B	9	A	19	B	9	D	19	A
10	D	20	D	10	D	20	A	10	C	20	B	10	A	20	C

PERFECT MODALS

1. MUST HAVE	2. SHOULDN'T HAVE	3. MUST HAVE	4. MUST HAVE	5. SHOULD HAVE	6. MUST HAVE	7. MUST HAVE
8. MAY HAVE	9. MAY HAVE	10. SHOULDN'T HAVE	11. SHOULD HAVE	12. MAY HAVE	13. SHOULDN'T HAVE	14. MAY HAVE
15. SHOULD HAVE	16. MUST HAVE	17. SHOULDN'T HAVE	18. MAY HAVE	19. MAY HAVE	20. MAY HAVE	21. MUST HAVE
22. MAY HAVE	23. MAY HAVE	24. SHOULD HAVE	25. SHOULD HAVE	26. MAY HAVE	27. MUST HAVE	

