

### Modal verbs – exercises

#### I. Complete the sentences with a suitable modal verb or be able to / be allowed to / have to AND a suitable verb.

e.g. I'm sorry I'm late. I **had to make** an important phone call.

1. Mum, \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema tonight ? No, you \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ you carry all those bags ? You look tired.
3. When my grandfather was young, you \_\_\_\_\_ a car without even taking a test.
4. He used to \_\_\_\_\_ run a marathon but he isn't that fit any more.
5. Fortunately, they \_\_\_\_\_ a little empty cottage just before the storm began.
6. I feel exhausted, I \_\_\_\_\_ so late last night !
7. On my eighth birthday I \_\_\_\_\_ until 9 o'clock !
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ that word, children, it's rude !
9. You're overweight, you \_\_\_\_\_ on a diet.
10. You \_\_\_\_\_, I'm not deaf !
11. They \_\_\_\_\_ so much money because everything was cheap anyway.
12. In some countries couples \_\_\_\_\_ without their parents' permission.
13. A : \_\_\_\_\_ to Peggy ?  
B : I'm sorry but she \_\_\_\_\_ to the phone right now.  
A : \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ a message ?
14. Why didn't you come to the party ?  
I \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam next week.
15. Why do you feel sick ?  
I'm not sure. I \_\_\_\_\_ something bad at the party.
16. Our flight was cancelled so we \_\_\_\_\_ the night in a local hotel.
17. I'm sleepy. I \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes open.
18. You \_\_\_\_\_ me that you were coming. I would have cooked something special.
19. She \_\_\_\_\_ your wallet ! She's an honest person and I trust her.

#### II. Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1. Shall I open the window for you ?  
Me Would you \_\_\_\_\_ the window for you ?
2. I'm sure Jenny has prepared enough food  
Have Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ enough food.
3. Perhaps he didn't cause the accident.  
May He \_\_\_\_\_ the accident.
4. Perhaps he's going away next month.  
Be He \_\_\_\_\_ away next month.
5. She will probably accept our offer.  
Likely She \_\_\_\_\_ our offer.