

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.