

## MODAL VERBS EXERCISE

### Gap-fill Exercise

Complete the sentences using the words listed in the box below. Some gaps may have more than one correct answer.

**can    could    have to    must    might    should**

1. Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He \_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after such a long flight. He \_\_\_\_\_ prefer to stay in tonight and get some rest.
2. If you want to get a better feeling for how the city is laid out, you \_\_\_\_\_ walk downtown and explore the waterfront.
3. Hiking the trail to the peak \_\_\_\_\_ be dangerous if you are not well prepared for dramatic weather changes. You \_\_\_\_\_ research the route a little more before you attempt the ascent.
4. When you have a small child in the house, you \_\_\_\_\_ leave small objects lying around. Such objects \_\_\_\_\_ be swallowed, causing serious injury or even death.
5. Dave: \_\_\_\_\_ you hold your breath for more than a minute?  
Nathan: No, I can't.
6. Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It \_\_\_\_\_ have cost a fortune.
7. Please make sure to water my plants while I am gone. If they don't get enough water, they \_\_\_\_\_ die.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ speak Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Egypt. But after we moved back to Canada, I had very little exposure to the language and forgot almost everything I knew as a child. Now, I \_\_\_\_\_ just say a few things in the language.
9. The book is optional. My professor said we \_\_\_\_\_ read it if we needed extra credit. But we \_\_\_\_\_ read it if we don't want to.
10. Leo: Where is the spatula? It \_\_\_\_\_ be in this drawer but it's not here.  
Nancy: I just did a load of dishes last night and they're still in the dish washer. It \_\_\_\_\_ be in there. That's the only other place it \_\_\_\_\_ be.
11. You \_\_\_\_\_ take your umbrella along with you today. The weatherman on the news said there's a storm north of here and it \_\_\_\_\_ rain later on this afternoon.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ we pull over at the next rest stop? I really \_\_\_\_\_ use the bathroom and I don't know if I \_\_\_\_\_ hold it until we get to Chicago.
13. Oh no! Frank's wallet is lying on the coffee table. He \_\_\_\_\_ have left it here last night.
14. Ned: \_\_\_\_\_ I borrow your lighter for a minute?  
Stephen: Sure, no problem. Actually, you \_\_\_\_\_ keep it if you want to. I've given up smoking.
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ believe she said that to Megan! She \_\_\_\_\_ insult her cooking in front of everyone at the party last night. She \_\_\_\_\_ have just said she was full or had some salad if she didn't like the meal.
16. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ chew with your mouth open like that? Geez, it's making me sick watching you eat that piece of pizza.