



English: 2Bac (All Streams)

Unit 2 (Humour)  
Grammar : Modals

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I- Course

Modal + infinitive  $\mapsto$  Present / future context

Modal + have + past participle  $\mapsto$  Past context

Function	Modal	Present context	Past Context
Possibility/ Probability	can, could may, might	- A : Why is Sara absent today? B : I don't know. She <b>could be</b> sick. - It's cloudy today. It <b>may rain</b> .	- A: Why was Sara absent yesterday? B: I don't know. She <b>might have been</b> sick. - Barcelona <b>may have won</b> the match yesterday if Messi hadn't been sick.
Certainty	must	- Samir is a punctual student and he always does his homework. Today he is absent. So, he <b>must have</b> a problem. - The woman is wearing beautiful clothes and she is driving a very expensive car. She <b>must be</b> rich.	- Samir is a punctual student and he always does his homework. Yesterday he was absent. So, he <b>must have had</b> a problem. - Nada is a university student. She <b>must have gotten</b> her Bac.
Advice	should had better ought to	- If you want to have a good health, you <b>should eat</b> well and exercise regularly. - You look sick. You'd <b>better</b> see a doctor. - Students <b>ought to revise</b> their lessons.	- Ali had a stomachache last night because he ate too much. He <b>shouldn't have eaten</b> a lot. - You <b>should have revised</b> your lessons before you took the exam.
Impossibility	can't couldn't	- The man is wearing smart clothes. He <b>can't be</b> a mechanic.	- Issam <b>can't have taken</b> your mobile yesterday because he was absent.
Prohibition	mustn't	- Muslims <b>mustn't drink</b> alcohol. - Students <b>mustn't cheat</b> in exams.	Omar made an accident yesterday because he was driving fast. He <b>mustn't have driven</b> fast.
Absence of necessity	don't have to don't need to doesn't have to doesn't need to needn't didn't have to	- My mobile works well. I <b>don't have to change</b> it. - Reda lives near the school. He <b>doesn't have to take</b> a taxi.	- My father <b>needn't have bought</b> milk yesterday because there's much in the fridge. - Siham <b>needn't have gone</b> to the cinema last weekend. She had already seen that movie.
Obligation	must have to has to had to	- We <b>must respect</b> each other. - Students <b>must do</b> their homework.	- Yesterday, my father's car broke down. So, he <b>had to take</b> a taxi.
Ability / Inability	can, can't could, couldn't	- I <b>can swim</b> very well. - I <b>can't climb</b> mountains.	- When I was 5, I <b>could ride</b> a bicycle. - Two years ago, I <b>couldn't drive</b> a car.
Permission	may can could	- Son : <b>May</b> I travel with my friends? Father : Yes, of course.	
Request	can could will would	A : <b>Would</b> you please turn the light on? B : Yes, of course.	

## II- Practice 1

Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the list :

- 1) I have an exam tomorrow. So. I \_\_\_\_\_ study hard tonight.  
(can - must - may)

2) Nora got a bad mark in the exam last week. She \_\_\_\_\_ revised her lessons well.

(might - should have - ought to)

3) Last night I was alone at home, so I \_\_\_\_\_ prepare dinner myself.

(should - had to - can)

4) They \_\_\_\_\_ arrived because they took the train two days ago.

(must - must have - mustn't)

5) Please keep quiet! The baby \_\_\_\_\_ wake up.

(might - must - should have)

6) I \_\_\_\_\_ find my keys. Maybe I lost them.

(shouldn't - mustn't - can't)

7) Everybody wants to see the new film. It \_\_\_\_\_ be very interesting

(can - must - needn't)

8) "You \_\_\_\_\_ take notes. I'll give a copy of the whole lesson." A teacher told his students.

(have to - should - don't have to)

### III- Practice 2

Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the list :

1) Why didn't you come to the party ? You \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed it very much.

(could have - had to - will have)

2) The children ate all the food. They \_\_\_\_\_ been very hungry.

(can - may have - must have)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ you help me with maths, please ?

(must - could - should)

4) The woman is extremely rich. She \_\_\_\_\_ work.

(mustn't - needn't - ought not to)

5) Children \_\_\_\_\_ watch horror films. They are dangerous.

(mustn't - couldn't - won't)

6) You \_\_\_\_\_ give me back the money immediately. Take your time.

(shouldn't have - don't have to - couldn't)

7) Mr. Robert didn't come to the meeting yesterday. He \_\_\_\_\_ forgotten about it.

(might have - should have - will have)

### IV- Previous National Exams items on Modals

- 1) You \_\_\_\_\_ carry this suitcase, the porter will take care of it.  
(needn't - couldn't - wouldn't)
- 2) You \_\_\_\_\_ buy a ticket for the match. I've got invitations for both of us.  
(wouldn't - can't - needn't)
- 3) Sami \_\_\_\_\_ have cheated in the exam; he is honest and hard-working.  
(won't - doesn't - can't)
- 4) Rachid can't find his mobile. He \_\_\_\_\_ left it in his father's car.  
(might have - would have - will have)
- 5) Jane : Look! Is that Tim crossing the street ?  
Rich : He \_\_\_\_\_ Tim. He's on holiday in Turkey.  
(can't be - shouldn't be - needn't be)
- 6) You \_\_\_\_\_ go to the university to register. You can send your application by email.  
(must - need to - wouldn't - may- needn't)
- 7) My Parents \_\_\_\_\_ travel at the weekend if the weather is nice.  
(have - may - need)
- 8) You \_\_\_\_\_ have bought all this food. There aren't many guests.  
(won't - wouldn't - needn't)
- 9) We \_\_\_\_\_ be at the bus stop by 8:00 if we don't want to miss the bus.  
(may - have - must)
- 10) I can't find my keys. I must \_\_\_\_\_ them at home.  
(leave - be leaving - have left)
- 11) "You \_\_\_\_\_ break the law." The policeman told the motorist.  
(might not - mustn't - needn't)
- 12) My friend Kamal looks happy and satisfied today. He \_\_\_\_\_ well on the test.  
(must have done - mustn't have done- needn't have done)