



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