

МОДАЛЬНЫЕ ГЛАГОЛЫ

Модальные глаголы в английском языке отличаются от остальных глаголов тем, что они не используются самостоятельно и не обозначают конкретного действия или состояния, они отражают его модальность, то есть отношение к нему говорящего.

1) Вопросительные предложения с модальными глаголами образуются без вспомогательного глагола, при этом модальный глагол выносится в начало предложения

2) Отрицательная форма модального глагола образуется постановкой после него частицы *not*.

3) После модальных глаголов, кроме глагола *ought to* следует инфинитив без частицы *to*.

CAN = be able to

Значение	Present	Past	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – физическая возможность, умение выполнить действие; – просьба 	<p>can</p> <p>With proper training and practice, anyone can learn to play a musical instrument.</p> <p>Can you please provide me with more information about the project?</p>	<p>could</p> <p>She could speak four languages fluently before moving to a new country.</p> <p>Could you please help me with this difficult task?</p>	-----
	<p>am/is/are able to</p> <p>A doctor is able to make the right diagnosis.</p>	<p>was/were able to</p> <p>A small patient was able to do exercises.</p>	<p>will be able to</p> <p>Tomorrow we will be able to pass this exam.</p>
+	He can speak 3 languages.	She could read when she was 5 years old.	Soon I will be able to read English books without a dictionary.
?	Can he speak 3 languages?	Could she read when she was 5 years old?	Will you be able to read English books without a dictionary?
-	He cannot/can't speak 5 languages.	She could not/couldn't read when she was 3 years old.	He will not be able to read English books without a dictionary.

MAY = be allowed to

Значение	Present	Past	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – разрешение; – вероятность; предположение с оттенком неуверенности 	<p>may</p> <p>May I ask you a personal question?</p> <p>It may rain later today, so you should bring an umbrella.</p>	<p>might</p> <p>The concert might be sold out, so we should buy tickets in advance.</p>	-----

	am/is/are allowed to Children <i>are allowed to</i> walk till 9 p.m.	was/were allowed to I <i>was allowed to stay up late</i> on the weekends when I was a child.	will be allowed to Once they turn 18, they <i>will be allowed to vote</i> in the upcoming elections.
+	You <i>may do</i> this job tomorrow.	The weather <i>might be</i> better tomorrow. (Present, Future) They <i>were allowed to stay</i> .	They <i>will be allowed to stay</i> .
?	<i>May</i> I open the window?	<i>Might</i> the weather be better tomorrow? <i>Were</i> they <i>allowed to stay</i> ?	<i>Will</i> they <i>be allowed to stay</i> ?
-	You <i>may not talk</i> loudly in libraries.	The weather <i>might not be</i> better tomorrow. They <i>were not allowed to stay</i> .	They <i>will not be allowed to stay</i> .

MUST = have to

Значение	Present	Past	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – обязанность; – приказ; – внутренне осознанную необходимость; – предложение с большей степенью уверенности в совершении действия, чем глагол <i>may</i> (в утвердительных предложениях) 	must We <i>must build</i> this house by autumn. You <i>must listen</i> to the teacher. I <i>must go</i> now. It's too late. He <i>must be</i> at home now.	-----	-----
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – вынужденная необходимость, долженствование, вытекающие из определенных обстоятельств 	have to/has to We <i>have to return</i> the books to the library on time to avoid late fees.	had to I <i>had to stay late</i> at work to finish the project.	will have to I <i>will have to attend</i> a meeting tomorrow afternoon.
+	I <i>must do</i> it today, I can't leave it till tomorrow.	He <i>had to do</i> it.	He <i>will have to do</i> it.

	I/we/you/they have to go there. He/she/it has to go there.		
?	Must I come too? Do you have to go there? Does he have to go there?	Did you have to do it?	Will he have to do it?
-	You must not use computer for more than 6 hours straight. You don't have to go there. He doesn't have to do it.	He didn't have to do it.	He will not have to do it.

SHOULD

Значение	Present	Past	Future
выражает моральную обязанность, долг или совет	should You should eat a balanced diet for optimal health. He should be punctual for the meeting.	-----	-----
+	You should see a doctor.		
?	What should I do now?		
-	You should not be late for the classes.		

A grammar test on modal verbs

1. Where is Nick? He _____ be in his office.
 - a. should
 - b. would
 - c. might
2. _____ I have one of these cakes?
 - a. could
 - b. must
 - c. may
3. _____ you help me to carry this downstairs?
 - a. may
 - b. could
 - c. must
4. I recommend you to apologize. You _____ apologize.
 - a. should
 - b. mustn't
 - c. would
5. I'll _____ go now. My friends are waiting.
 - a. must
 - b. have to
 - c. need
6. If you want to become a doctor, you _____ enter the medical university.
 - a. may not
 - b. should
 - c. has to
7. We haven't got much time. We _____ hurry.
 - a. must
 - b. needn't
 - c. can
8. _____ you please be quiet? I'm trying to read.
 - a. shall
 - b. wouldn't
 - c. can
9. _____ you speak any foreign language?
 - a. may
 - b. can

c. might

10. We've got plenty of time. We _____ hurry.

- a. should
- b. couldn't
- c. needn't

11. You _____ keep pets in the hostel. It's not allowed.

- a. can
- b. mustn't
- c. should

12. It's cold outside. You _____ put on a hat and a scarf.

- a. should
- b. haven't
- c. can't

13. The lake is rather deep. _____ you swim?

- a. may
- b. must
- c. can

14. His English is so bad, that I _____ understand anything.

- a. can't
- b. shouldn't
- c. must

15. Will you _____ help me with my housework tomorrow?

- a. can
- b. be able to
- c. may

16. You _____ not take away this rubbish. The workers will do it.

- a. may
- b. might
- c. need

17. It's nonsense! He _____ be a fool to think so!

- a. need
- b. must
- c. have to

18. Do you _____ clean the house every day or every week?

- a. had to
- b. have to

c. must

19. They _____ do their homework today because it is a holiday at the school.

- a. must
- b. don't have to
- c. should

20. When will you _____ come and see us in our new house?

- a. be able to
- b. must
- c. can

21. You ____ use only these chemicals if you want to carry out an experiment.

- a. may not
- b. could
- c. should

22. I ____ help you with composition or you will do it on your own?

- a. mustn't
- b. may not
- c. can

23. You _____ be polite if you want to make a favorable impression on people.

- a. mustn't
- b. should
- c. has to

24. Why do you tell me to take an umbrella? - It _____ rain today.

- a. must
- b. may
- c. have to

25. Do you speak any foreign languages? – I'm fluent in English and _____ speak Spanish a little bit.

- a. may
- b. can
- c. must

26. She _____ to complete the project ahead of schedule.

- a. have
- b. was able
- c. must

27. _____ you bring me a glass of cold water?

- a. could
- b. must

c. should

28. She _____ to attend the weekly board meeting on Thursday.

- a. may
- b. should
- c. has

29. I _____ to find the information we needed in the archives.

- a. was able
- b. must
- c. may

30. Parents _____ give medicine to their children without going to the doctor first.

- a. may not
- b. shouldn't
- c. must

31. He _____ to finish the marathon despite the challenging weather conditions.

- a. can
- b. must
- c. was able

32. You _____ drink so much coffee; it's bad for your blood pressure.

- a. shouldn't
- b. must
- c. can

33. Paul doesn't study very much. He _____ not pass his exams.

- a. must
- b. was able to
- c. may

34. He _____ be late because his flight has been delayed.

- a. should
- b. will be able to
- c. may

35. They _____ to reach a consensus after thorough negotiations.

- a. had to
- b. can
- c. were able to

36. She _____ tidy up her room. It's a mess!

- a. must
- b. can

c. may

37. Following rehabilitation, she _____ walk without assistance.

- a. must
- b. may
- c. will be able to

38. I _____ give you a lift to the station. My car broke down yesterday.

- a. may not
- b. can't
- c. mustn't

39. When someone does you a favour, you _____ say thank you.

- a. can
- b. may
- c. should

40. He _____ present the findings at the conference last month.

- a. will have to
- b. can
- c. had to

41. He _____ come home late. He is only fourteen years old.

- a. couldn't
- b. mustn't
- c. didn't have to

42. With improved infrastructure, the city _____ offer better public transport services.

- a. must
- b. should
- c. will be able to

43. He _____ study more if he wants to pass his exam.

- a. should
- b. can
- c. may

44. It's very cold today. Do you think it _____ snow later?

- a. must
- b. should
- c. can

45. By using modern technology, healthcare professionals _____ diagnose complex medical conditions accurately.

- a. should
- b. have to
- c. are able to

46. Anne always arrives home at 9 o'clock. It's 9:30 now, so she _____ be home.

- a. must
- b. has to
- c. could

47. The passengers _____ wait for the weather conditions to improve before boarding the flight.

- a. had to
- b. can
- c. will be able to

48. Children _____ drink sugary drinks. It's not very healthy.

- a. can't
- b. shouldn't
- c. don't have to

49. You _____ respect other people's opinions.

- a. may
- b. can
- c. must

50. Students _____ access educational resources from anywhere using online platforms.

- a. are able to
- b. must
- c. may

Answers

1. c
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. b
6. b
7. a
8. c
9. b
10. c
11. b
12. a
13. c
14. a
15. b
16. c
17. b
18. b
19. b
20. a
21. c
22. c
23. b
24. b
25. b

26. b
27. a
28. c
29. a
30. b
31. c
32. a
33. c
34. c
35. c
36. a
37. c
38. b
39. c
40. c
41. b
42. c
43. a
44. c
45. c
46. a
47. a
48. b
49. c
50. a

ADDITIONAL EXERCISES:

<https://www.grammarbank.com/can-cant-exercises-2.html>

<https://www.grammarbank.com/can-vs-could-exercise.html>

<https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/modal-verbs-of-ability-exercise-1.html>

<https://www.autoenglish.org/gr.may.i.htm>

<https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/330/grammar/330-modals-ability1>

<https://www.grammarbank.com/must-have-to-exercise.html>

<https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/modal-verbs-of-obligation-exercise-1.html>

<https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/modal-verbs-of-probability-exercise-2.html>

<https://www.englishexercises.org/makeagame/viewgame.asp?id=3023>

https://www.elbase.com/quiz/241_01.htm

https://www.elbase.com/quiz/200_02.htm

https://www.english-grammar.at/online_exercises/modal-verbs/m002.htm

https://www.english-grammar.at/online_exercises/modal-verbs/m007-evelyn-glennie.htm

https://www.english-grammar.at/online_exercises/modal-verbs/m008.htm

https://www.english-grammar.at/online_exercises/modal-verbs/m009.htm

<http://pcards.hreminder.com/24-spravochnye-materialy/80-modal-verbs-exercises.html>

<https://s-english.ru/uprazhneniya/modal-verbs>

<https://online-teacher.ru/blog/modalnye-glagoly-uprazhnenija>