

Modal Verbs: should, have to, could, might

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Student Worksheet

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Exercise 1 — True or False? (8 points)

Read each statement. Write **True** or **False**.

1. "Should" is used to give advice.

Answer: _____

2. "Don't have to" means the same as "mustn't".

Answer: _____

3. "Might" is used to talk about possibility.

Answer: _____

4. "Could" can be used for past ability.

Answer: _____

5. "Have to" is the same as "should".

Answer: _____

6. We use "shouldn't" to give negative advice.

Answer: _____

7. "Might" means something is definitely going to happen.

Answer: _____

8. We say "She has to work" (not "have to") with he/she/it.

Answer: _____

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice (8 points)

Choose the correct modal verb to complete each sentence. Circle your answer.

1. You ____ eat more vegetables. It's good for your health.

(should / might / could)

2. I ____ go to the gym tonight, but I'm not sure yet.

(should / might / have to)

3. She ____ wear a uniform at her new job.

(should / has to / might)

4. When he was a child, he ____ speak three languages.

(should / could / has to)

5. You ____ eat so much junk food. It's bad for you.

(shouldn't / might / could)

6. We ____ book tickets in advance. The show sells out fast.

(should / might / don't have to)

7. ____ you open the window, please?

(Could / Should / Has to)

8. You ____ bring lunch — the company provides free meals.

(don't have to / shouldn't / might)

Exercise 3 — Matching (8 points)

Match each sentence (1–8) to its correct meaning (a–h). Write the letter.

Sentences	Meanings
1. You should see a doctor. ____	A. This is advice.
2. I might be late tonight. ____	B. This is a possibility.
3. She has to finish her report today. ____	C. This is an external obligation.
4. Could you pass the salt, please? ____	D. This is a polite request.
5. You don't have to come if you're busy. ____	E. It is not necessary.
6. When I was ten, I could do the splits. ____	F. This is a past ability.
7. You shouldn't stay up so late. ____	G. This is negative advice.
8. It might snow tomorrow. ____	H. This is something that is maybe going to happen.

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill (8 points)

Choose the correct modal verb from the brackets to complete each sentence.

1. You ____ drink water before the race.

(should / might / could)

2. I ____ be wrong, but I think the meeting is at 3pm.

(might / should / have to)

3. He ____ travel a lot for his job.

(has to / might / could)

4. When she was young, she ____ play the piano perfectly.

(could / should / has to)

5. You ____ worry — everything is fine.

(shouldn't / might / have to)

6. We ____ leave now or we will miss the train.

(have to / might / could)

7. ____ you carry this bag for me, please?

(Could / Should / Might)

8. You ____ pay for the event. It's free!

(don't have to / shouldn't / might)

Exercise 5 — Word Order (8 points)

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. drink / should / water / You / more

2. wear / has / She / uniform / a / to

3. late / be / might / I / tonight

4. door / Could / open / you / the / please

5. up / shouldn't / You / late / stay / so

6. swim / could / was / when / he / He / five

7. have / to / don't / We / pay

8. snow / might / tomorrow / It

Exercise 6 — Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column of the table below.

Word bank: You should eat less salt. | You shouldn't drive when you're tired. | You should call your parents more often. | We have to submit the form today. | She has to renew her passport. | I have to take this medicine twice a day. | As a child I could climb trees easily. | Could you help me, please? | When I was young, I could speak some French. | It might rain this afternoon. | They might move to a new city. | We might be free on Friday evening.

Advice (should/shouldn't)	Obligation (have to)	Past Ability/Request (could)	Possibility (might)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation (8 points)

Choose the correct modal verb from the brackets to complete the conversation.

A: I have a terrible headache. You ____ rest today.

(should / might / could)

B: You ____ see a doctor. You ____ have an infection.

(should / might / have to)

A: I ____ work tomorrow, so I can't rest all day.

(have to / should / might)

B: ____ you ask your manager for a half day?

(Could / Should / Might)

A: That's a good idea. I ____ do that.

(might / have to / should)

B: When I was younger, I ____ work long hours easily. Now I can't!

(could / should / have to)

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✓ True
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✓ True

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

1. You ____ eat more vegetables. It's good for your health.
✓ should
2. I ____ go to the gym tonight, but I'm not sure yet.
✓ might
3. She ____ wear a uniform at her new job.
✓ has to
4. When he was a child, he ____ speak three languages.
✓ could
5. You ____ eat so much junk food. It's bad for you.
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6. We ____ book tickets in advance. The show sells out fast.

✓ **should**

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✓ **Could**

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✓ **don't have to**

Exercise 3 — Matching

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✓ **This is a past ability.**

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Exercise 5 — Word Order

1. ✓ You should drink more water

2. ✓ She has to wear a uniform

3. ✓ I might be late tonight

4. ✓ Could you open the door please

5. ✓ You shouldn't stay up so late

6. ✓ He could swim when he was five

7. ✓ We don't have to pay

8. ✓ It might snow tomorrow

Exercise 6 — Word Sort

Advice (should/shouldn't):

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✓ You shouldn't drive when you're tired.

✓ You should call your parents more often.

Obligation (have to):

✓ We have to submit the form today.

✓ She has to renew her passport.

✓ I have to take this medicine twice a day.

Past Ability/Request (could):

✓ As a child I could climb trees easily.

✓ Could you help me, please?

✓ When I was young, I could speak some French.

Possibility (might):

✓ It might rain this afternoon.

✓ They might move to a new city.

✓ We might be free on Friday evening.

Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation

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✓ should

2. B: You ____ see a doctor. You ____ have an infection.

✓ should / might

3. A: I ____ work tomorrow, so I can't rest all day.

✓ have to

4. B: ____ you ask your manager for a half day?

✓ Could

5. A: That's a good idea. I ____ do that.

✓ might

6. B: When I was younger, I ____ work long hours easily. Now I can't!

✓ could