

Modal Verbs for Certainty and Obligation

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Instructions

Answer every question. Write your answer on the line. 10 questions in total.

Practice

1. Complete the sentence with the modal verb that shows the strongest obligation: 'All passengers ____ wear a seatbelt.'

2. Complete the sentence with the modal verb that shows something is only possible, not certain: 'It ____ rain later, but I'm not sure.'

3. Complete the sentence with the modal verb that politely asks for permission: '____ I leave the room, please?'

4. Complete the sentence with the modal verb showing near-certainty based on evidence: 'The lights are off, so they ____ be out.'

5. 'Must' has no past tense form. Rewrite to show past obligation: 'Yesterday, you ____ finish the report by 5pm.'

6. Complete the sentence with the modal verb showing there is no necessity to do something: 'You ____ come if you don't want to — it's optional.'

7. Complete the sentence with the modal verb that shows a strong recommendation, not a rule: 'You ____ see a doctor about that cough.'

8. Complete the sentence with the modal verb showing something is impossible: 'That ____ be true — the shop was closed all day.'

9. Complete the sentence with the modal verb showing near-impossibility: 'She ____ have finished already — it's only been five minutes.'

10. Complete the sentence with the modal verb that shows the strongest obligation: 'You ____ wear a seatbelt in a car.'
