

English Modal Verbs - Practise

Modal verb	Meaning	Examples
can	ability	He can speak English.
must	obligation	I must work every day.
have to	obligation	We have to go now. He has to go now. I had to work last Sunday.
might	possibility	We might visit our friends in Paris next year.
would	conditional	I would buy a Ferrari if I was rich.
should	advice	You should see a doctor immediately.
shall	suggestion	Shall we watch a show in the theater tomorrow?
need to	necessity	I need to finish my homework tonight. He needs to finish his homework tonight. Yesterday I needed get home early.

An example - Studying English

- You **should** study English every day.
- If I were you, I **would** study English every day.
- My brother **can** speak English fluently.
- If you don't study English every day, you **might** forget your vocabulary.
- You **can** study in the living room, if you want.

Exercise 1.

Translate these sentences to English:

1) Eu deveria visitar minha mãe amanhã.

2) Talvez eu vá para a academia hoje a noite.

3) Ele tem que refazer a prova.

4) Meu pai sabe falar 6 idiomas.

5) Você deveria ouvir seus professores.

6) Vamos comer pizza hoje?

7) Eu preciso falar com você.

8) Ele não mentiria para mim.

9) Eu devo estudar mais.

10) A: Professor, posso ir ao banheiro? _____

B: Sim, você pode. _____

Exercise 2.

Read the following sentences and check the appropriate context:

	Ability	Possibility	Impossibility	Necessity
1. He can swim really well.				
2. You must see a doctor soon.				
3. You might be right.				
4. Teacher, can I get a new pencil?				
5. He should go to a dentist.				