

ADVANCED MODAL VERBS EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blank

Choose the modal verb that best fits each sentence's context (*must, might, may, could, should*).

1. The windows are open, and it's freezing outside — someone _____ have forgotten to close them.
 2. You look pale and tired; you _____ consider seeing a doctor.
 3. There's no sign of rain, but those dark clouds _____ bring a storm later.
 4. I can't find my phone; I _____ have left it in the taxi.
 5. You've been working non-stop today — you _____ take a break.
 6. Their team scored twice in the first half, so they _____ win the match if they keep this pace.
 7. I heard strange noises last night; it _____ have been the wind, but I'm not sure.
 8. He's late again; he _____ be stuck in traffic.
 9. The museum is closed on Mondays, so we _____ plan to go tomorrow instead.
 10. This recipe is quite tricky — you _____ follow the instructions exactly.
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Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence using **must, might, may, could, or should** (correct form).

1. Don't turn off the lights in the office; the staff _____ still be working.
2. You _____ not have seen the email yet; it was only sent five minutes ago.
3. That sculpture is incredible — it _____ have taken months to complete.
4. You _____ speak to your manager about the schedule; it might help.
5. He hasn't eaten all day; he _____ be starving.
6. Their vacation photos look amazing — they _____ have had a great time in Bali.
7. If you're not sure, you _____ ask for clarification.
8. His car isn't in the driveway; he _____ have already left for the airport.
9. He _____ have heard the news by now, but I don't know if he is awake.
10. There's smoke coming from the kitchen — something _____ be burning!

Exercise 3: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct option based on the sentence's meaning.

1. She looks confident. She _____ have prepared well.
 - a) might
 - b) must
 - c) could
 - d) should

2. It's late; they _____ be sleeping by now.
 - a) must
 - b) might have
 - c) could
 - d) should

3. You _____ apologize to her before it's too late.
 - a) must
 - b) should
 - c) may
 - d) might

4. He's very skilled, but he _____ need more practice to master this technique.
 - a) must
 - b) might have
 - c) should
 - d) could

5. The streets are wet; it _____ have rained earlier.
 - a) could
 - b) must
 - c) should
 - d) may

6. They _____ have gone home already — no one is answering.
 - a) should
 - b) must
 - c) might
 - d) may have

7. She's coughing a lot; she _____ be catching a cold.
 - a) could have
 - b) must
 - c) should
 - d) might

8. We _____ try that new café; people say it's fantastic.
 - a) might
 - b) should
 - c) could
 - d) must

9. His shoes are muddy — he _____ have walked through the forest.
 - a) must
 - b) could
 - c) should
 - d) might

10. They've missed the train; they _____ have taken the earlier one.
 - a) could
 - b) might
 - c) should
 - d) must

Exercise 4: Scenario-Based Questions

Read the scenario and complete the sentence with the best-fitting modal.

1. The shop's shutters are down and the lights are off. It _____ be closed for the day.
2. She _____ be at the library, but I'm not entirely sure.
3. She seems upset after the meeting. You _____ talk to her and see if she's okay.
4. He didn't answer his phone. He _____ be driving right now.
5. They didn't attend the rehearsal. They _____ not know it was scheduled.
6. It _____ rain later, so take an umbrella just in case.
7. There's a long queue outside the theater. The show _____ be very popular.
8. He keeps yawning during the lecture. He _____ have stayed up too late last night.

9. The car's alarm went off. There _____ be a malfunction.
 10. He _____ be home by now; he left over an hour ago.
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Exercise 5: Matching

Match the letters (sentences) to the numbers (scenarios). One sentence per scenario.

Scenarios:

1. You hear thunder in the distance.
2. Your friend hasn't replied all day.
3. Someone looks lost in the lobby.
4. The roads are icy.
5. He's sneezing constantly.
6. They arrived earlier than expected.
7. There's a dog barking outside.
8. She's struggling with the heavy suitcase.
9. You've lost your keys.
10. The bakery smells amazing.

Sentences:

- a) You might want to help her carry it.
- b) It could be a stray or someone's pet.
- c) You must have left them at the office.
- d) He might be coming down with something.
- e) It must have started storming nearby.
- f) The bread must be fresh out of the oven.
- g) She may need directions to the conference room.
- h) They could have taken an earlier train.
- i) He may have left his phone at home.
- j) You should drive carefully.

ADVANCED MODAL VERBS SOLUTIONS

Exercise 1: Choose the Best Modal Verb

1. must
 2. should
 3. may/might
 4. might
 5. should
 6. could
 7. might
 8. must
 9. should
 10. should
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Exercise 2: Fill in the Gaps

1. could
 2. might
 3. must
 4. should
 5. must
 6. must
 7. should
 8. might/could
 9. might/could
 10. must
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Exercise 3: Multiple Choice

1. b) must
2. a) must
3. b) should
4. d) could

5. b) must
 6. c) might
 7. d) might
 8. b) should
 9. a) must
 10. c) should
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Exercise 4: Scenario-Based

1. must
2. could
3. should
4. might
5. might
6. could
7. must
8. must
9. might
10. should



Exercise 5: Match the Scenario to the Sentence

1. e
2. i
3. g
4. j
5. d
6. h
7. b
8. a
9. c
10. f