

Modal Verbs 1 – Ability, Possibility, Permission – Exercise Sheet 2

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Option

Choose the correct modal verb (can, could, may, might, or be able to) to complete each sentence.

1. I _____ help you carry those bags if you like.
a) might
b) can
c) may
 2. She _____ not come to the meeting because she's feeling sick.
a) may
b) can
c) could
 3. When he was younger, he _____ speak three languages.
a) can
b) could
c) may
 4. Excuse me, _____ I use your phone for a second?
a) might
b) may
c) could
 5. We _____ go to the cinema later, but we haven't decided yet.
a) might
b) can
c) will be able to
 6. She _____ reach the top shelf, even though it was very high.
a) was able to
b) could
c) can
 7. _____ I ask you a question?
a) Can
b) May
c) Might
 8. You _____ not enter the building after 10 p.m.
a) may
b) might
c) can
 9. They _____ win the competition if they train hard.
a) might
b) may
c) can
 10. She _____ open the door because she had lost the key.
a) couldn't
b) might not
c) can't
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Exercise 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite each sentence using a different modal verb or phrase with the same meaning.

1. I can help you with your homework.

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2. When I was younger, I could climb trees very easily.

→ _____

3. It might be cold tomorrow.

→ _____

4. Could I have a glass of water?

→ _____

5. She was able to fix the computer.

→ _____

6. They may not be at home right now.

→ _____

7. Can I leave work early today?

→ _____

8. It's possible that we will be late.

→ _____

9. I wasn't able to answer the phone.

→ _____

10. You are allowed to use a dictionary during the test.

→ _____