

MODAL VERBS

This worksheet is designed to improve your skill in the use of auxiliary verbs. The modal auxiliary verbs are *can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, would, must* and *ought to*. They are used before other verbs, in tags and in short answers.

For example: "I must cook dinner for everyone tonight."

EXERCISE 1

In each sentence, identify and correct the mistakes by rewriting the sentence.

1. I don't can ride a bicycle.
2. I would like to can travel more.
3. He should to work harder.
4. I must work last Saturday and Sunday.
5. Could you telling me how to get to the bank?

EXERCISE 2

Identify and select the correct modal auxiliary verb to complete the sentence.

1. They ___ be on holiday, but I'm not sure.
 - can
 - may
2. You ___ be right, but I'd still like to check.
 - can
 - could
3. ___ you turn it down a bit please?
 - Can
 - May
4. It's OK, you ___ go when you've finished.
 - may
 - might
5. Ask any questions now as you ___ not talk during the test.
 - may
 - could
6. You ___ smoke in the cinema
 - can't

- might not
- 7. From the way he speaks, he ___ be from London.
 - can
 - could
- 8. It's impossible, they ___ have finished it already!
 - can't
 - mustn't
- 9. The weather ___ be better tomorrow.
 - can
 - may
- 10. ___ you speak Japanese?
 - Can
 - May