

# Exercises on Tenses and Modals

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Ex.

1. I <sup>have</sup> possess two brothers.
2. She <sup>has</sup> possesses three sisters.
3. I have <sup>no</sup> not books.
4. He has his book <sup>written</sup> write by Rakesh.
5. He <sup>has been a</sup> was a earlier banker.
6. She <sup>has</sup> have been to London.
7. I have <sup>had</sup> have my lunch.
8. I had <sup>had</sup> have my work completed by him.
9. Do <sup>have</sup> has a cup of coffee.
10. I <sup>did go</sup> do went to meet her.
11. She does ~~leavens~~ her lessons well.  
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He

+ \_\_\_\_\_s.

She

do  
did  
does

12. He did <sup>come</sup> came here yesterday.
13. I <sup>had</sup> received a song sung by her. downloaded
14. I <sup>had</sup> found my clothes washed by him.  
✓ He came here yesterday.  
✓ He did come here yesterday.  
✓ She leavens her lessons well.  
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Modal - can, could, may, might

1. May you live long!
2. Could you read when you were five?
3. My father can speak and write five languages.
4. You may write on both sides of the paper.
5. We thought it might rain.
6. He said he could always come when called.
7. Can you ride your bicycle up to that hill?
8. I ran fast so that I might catch the train.
9. He tried to solve the sum but he could not.
10. Do not put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

Can  
Could  
May  
Might

shall, will, should, would

1. Will you do me a favour?
2. When shall I see you again?
3. Shall we go to the picture today?
4. His daughter will be sixteen next month.

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5. The wound would not heal in spite of all the treatment he had.
6. would that I were rich!
7. Had you worked hard, you would have passed the examination.
8. As you sow, so shall you reap.
9. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones at others.
10. If you should see him, give him my regards.

must, dare, need, ought to, used to.

1. The door needs painting.
2. I used to smoke but I gave it up last year.
3. You must come and have dinner with me.
4. He has lost your book and he dare not tell you.
5. You ought to have written to him yesterday.
6. Need he wait any longer?
7. He ought to pay you the loan he owes you.
8. Dare you speak rudely to your father?
9. I used to be a clerk, but now I am an officer.
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Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals :-

- 1) Will you, please, stop talking?
- 2) You can / [should] go only when you have finished your work.
- 3) Would you rather have tea or coffee?
- 4) I will / can try again if you wish.
- 5) You need not hurry, there is plenty of time.
- 6) I should / would like you to do as I tell you.
- 7) If only they could / would keep quiet for a moment.
- 8) May God bless you!
- 9) You must be mad to do this!
- 10) I will learn English, and none shall stop me.



*Use appropriate modals to fill in the blanks.*

1. One ..... obey one's parents.
2. You ..... go home whenever you like.
3. I ..... like you to answer my question properly.
4. My father says, we ..... buy some sweets.
5. .... God give you courage to face it!
6. .... you like to have lunch now?
7. .... you please tell me where the Cinema House is ?
8. It ..... rain, it is so sultry.
9. The doctor said that the patient ..... recover.  
(The doctor was not very sure about it.)
10. You ..... insist on being given your share.  
(**Note** The stress on the word 'insist')

*Use appropriate modals to fill in the blanks.* (RAS)

1. You ..... have given me a helping hand. It was your moral duty.
2. I ..... try to get you a job. I promise.
3. Arun is not a weak student. He is also not a very good student. He ....., however, pass.
4. The student politely said to the teacher, "..... I have a word with you?"
5. You ..... go now. (Permission)
6. .... you please close the door? (A polite request in the form of a question)
7. It ..... rain soon. (It is likely to happen)
8. You ..... see a doctor at once. (It is an advice)
9. We ..... hurry. We are very late.
10. I'm afraid, I ..... tell you that. It is a secret.

*Identify the notion/concept expressed by each of the following sentences by choosing one of the three alternatives mentioned against each sentences.* (RAS)

1. No smoking ! (Advice/Prohibition/Threat)
2. I wish you'd be quiet. (Request /Wish/Suggestion)
3. I'm seeing the Principal this afternoon. (Likelihood/ Determination/ Arrangement)
4. You needn't have hurried. (Absence of necessity/Prohibition/ Suggestion of hesitation)
5. It might rain before evening. (Possibility/Strong possibility/ Remote possibility)

*Restructure the following sentences using—may, might, must, ought to, wish, only in appropriate tense forms.*

1. Candidates are required to answer at least five out of ten questions.
2. He was not careful enough.
3. Perhaps, he was hurt.
4. Please make a little less noise. (You can make it little less if you wish to.)
5. Please be quiet. (Request)

*Fill in the blanks giving the appropriate modals.* (RAS)

1. You ..... have watered the flowers, for it is going to rain.
2. If we had taken the other road, we ..... have arrived earlier.
3. The bank closes at two but the manager ..... allow you to get in. (Remote possibility)
4. .... you please send me an application form ? (Request)
5. As John was the only person who visited us yesterday, it ..... be he who left the main gate open. (Probability)
6. You ..... read his latest book.
7. She ..... speak three languages when she was twelve.
8. I ..... see quite clearly what the children are doing in the garden.
9. He ..... be at least sixty.
10. Your job ..... be very demanding, but at least, it isn't boring.

*Fill in the blanks with the appropriate modals.*

1. Usha ..... run a hundred yard in ten seconds.
2. .... his soul rest in peace!
3. The baby is crying. He ..... be hungry.
4. .... you tell me the way to the post-office, please?
5. You ..... keep your scooters locked.
6. .... I bring you a cup of coffee?
7. When I was a boy, I ..... walk forty miles in a day.
8. I have come to ask if Raju ..... use your bicycle tomorrow.
9. .... you have another cup of tea?
10. All of us ..... die.