

Modal verbs 6

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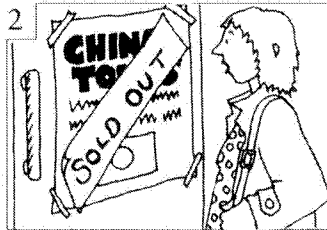
would/should/could have done referring to the present and future

A Complete the sentences with a verb from the box. If two answers are possible, for example, *I would leave* or *I would have left*, give both.

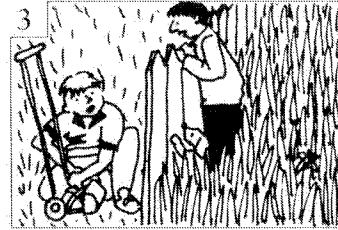
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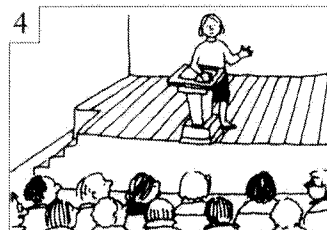
1 We get into port tomorrow; we should have reached port today but we lost time in the storm.



2 If I'd ordered the tickets earlier I could _____ on the China tour next summer, but I can't now.



3 I would _____ it to you this afternoon but, as you can see, it's broken.



4 Some scientists believe we might _____ a cure for cancer by the end of this decade.



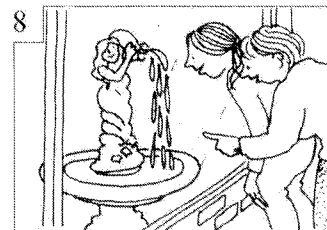
5 I would _____ the report before the end of this week only my computer broke.



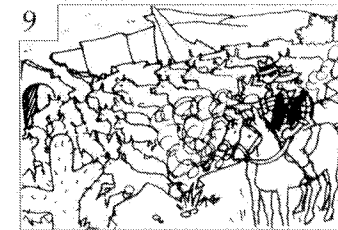
6 All the leaves should _____ by the beginning of December.



7 It would _____ to thirty metres but for the storm.



8 It would _____ nice in the garden.



9 With motorbikes we could _____ them before the bridge.

B Harry is having some trouble with the builders. Complete the conversation using the verbs in brackets and one of these modals: *might, could, should* or *would*. If two answers are possible, give both.

Harry: I thought you said the house would be finished (finish) before next year.

Builder: Yes, well, it 1 _____ (be) for sure but for the rain. We 2 _____ (finish) building the house by winter if we'd been able to dig the foundations earlier and we 3 _____ (dig) them last week if we wanted to keep to the plan.

Harry: But we do want to keep to the plan.

Builder: Yes, we 4 _____ (certainly/finish) the foundations earlier, but with all the flooding the house 5 _____ (fall) down too.

Harry: I see. So what's the new timetable?

Builder: If all goes well we 6 _____ (finish) the interior by spring, and if so, you 7 _____ (move) in before the summer.

C

... I'm writing in case you ever decide to go to Ireland. Despite the bad weather, I had a wonderful time. Although I didn't have much money, it was still easy to find places to stay, and in spite of having been to Ireland twice before, I still found plenty of new things to see. Due to it being an island, the weather can be quite changeable. It's a pity that because I didn't have/of not having much free time I couldn't stay longer ...

30 Look, look like, look as if 1

A

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 She looks | 5 She looks like |
| 2 She looks as if | 6 She looks like |
| 3 She looks | 7 She looks |
| 4 She looks as if | 8 She looks as if |

B

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 sounds like | 5 She sounds |
| 2 She sounds as if | 6 She sounds as if |
| 3 She sounds like | 7 She sounds like |
| 4 She sounds as if | 8 She sounds |

31 Look, look like, look as if 2

A

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 1d ice | 4e runner |
| 2f (old) socks | 5a old woman |
| 3b applause/clapping | |

B

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| 1 like | 3 — |
| 2 like | 4 as if/as though |

C

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|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 smells like | 3 sounds like | 5 looks as if/as though |
| 2 tastes | 4 sounds as if/as though | |

32 Modal verbs 1

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1 Could/Would | 5 should/could |
| 2 could/might | 6 could |
| 3 could | 7 could/might |
| 4 would | 8 would |

33 Modal verbs 2

A

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|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 1 a | 2 b | 3 b | 4 a | 5 b | 6 a |
| 7 a | 8 b | 9 b | 10 a | | |

B

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| a 7 | b 8 | c 3 | d 4 | e 10 | f 5 |
| g 6 | h 9 | | | | |

C

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1 should | 5 could |
| 2 could, might | 6 would |
| 3 should | 7 would |
| 4 could | 8 could, might |

34 Modal verbs 3

A

- Will you have to find a job there?
- Will you have to learn Spanish while you're there?
- Will you be able to go camping in the countryside?
- Will I/we be able to write to you?
- Will you be able to drive a car there?
- Will you have to have lots of injections?
- Will you be able to come home if you really want to?

B

- do you have to be/must you be
- can vote/will be able to vote

3 will have to start

4 won't be able to go

5 won't have to pay

6 must keep/have to keep

7 can do/will be able to do

8 will have to see

35 Modal verbs 4

A

- won't be able to
- can't

B

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| 1 a X b ✓ | 4 a X b ✓ |
| 2 a X b ✓ | 5 a ✓ b ✓ |
| 3 a ✓ b ✓ | |

C

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| 1 b | 2 a | 3 c | 4 d |
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36 Modal verbs 5

A

- could/might even have died
- should have listened
- should have checked
- shouldn't go
- could/might easily have missed
- would have been
- would know
- could learn/would learn
- should have taken
- should have told
- shouldn't have gone out
- would have been
- should have known
- could/might still catch

B

- would have done it.
- shouldn't have bought them.
- couldn't have stolen it.
- might/could have taken it/the plane.
- should have rung her.

37 Modal verbs 6

A

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 have gone | 6 have fallen/fall |
| 3 have lent | 7 have grown |
| 4 find/have found | 8 have looked |
| 5 have finished | 9 have stopped |

B

- would have been
- could/might have finished
- should have dug
- would certainly have finished
- would/might/could have fallen
- should have finished
- could move

38 Modal verbs 7

A

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 2 a | 3 b | 4 a | 5 a | 6 b |
| 7 a | 8 b | | | | |

B

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| 1 b | 2 a | 3 a | 4 b | 5 a | 6 b |
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C

- Possible endings: 1 b 2 a 3 a, b 4 a, b
5 a 6 a 7 b