

# Modal verbs 9



*must, might, could and can't for deduction*

**A Read the information on the left and then use the verbs in the boxes to complete the comments.**

1 In winter, it's always cold in Mongolia. It's sometimes sunny and it sometimes snows. It's never foggy.

might won't will could

So when we get to Mongolia next winter it (a) \_\_\_\_\_ be sunny, it (b) \_\_\_\_\_ be foggy, but it (c) \_\_\_\_\_ be cold and it (d) \_\_\_\_\_ be snowing.

2 Colin is tall with a moustache. Paul is tall and has grey hair. Deb is short and has grey hair.

could must can't might

I can see someone coming: it's someone with grey hair, it (a) \_\_\_\_\_ be Deb, or it (b) \_\_\_\_\_ be Paul, but it certainly (c) \_\_\_\_\_ be Colin. Ah yes, I can see better now; it's a man and he's quite tall so it (d) \_\_\_\_\_ be Paul.

3 **A:** Have you ever seen 'Purple Turtles'? It's a great film!

must have might have could have can't have

**B:** No, I've never heard of it so I'm sure I (a) \_\_\_\_\_ seen it.  
**C:** Well, it sounds a bit familiar; I think I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ seen it.  
**D:** I'm not sure; I can never remember films, but I (c) \_\_\_\_\_ seen it.  
**C:** Oh yes, I remember it! I (d) \_\_\_\_\_ seen it years ago!

4 Jasper has arrived in Budapest and has just realised that he has lost his passport.

might have can't have could have must have

I (a) \_\_\_\_\_ had it when I got off the plane because I showed it at immigration control. Then, I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ left it at immigration control because I showed it later at customs. After that I (c) \_\_\_\_\_ put it back in my bag, or I (d) \_\_\_\_\_ put it in my pocket, but I can't remember which.

**B Complete the sentences using the verbs in the box in the correct form.**

will can could must might

**Example:** When you are sure about something in the future you say it will or won't happen.

- 1 When you think it possible that something will happen in the future you say it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ happen.
- 2 When you are sure that something is true you say it \_\_\_\_\_ be true.
- 3 When you are sure that something isn't true you say it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ be true.
- 4 When you think it possible that something is true you say it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ be true.
- 5 When you are sure that something has happened in the past you say it \_\_\_\_\_ happened.
- 6 When you are sure that something didn't happen in the past you say it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ happened.
- 7 When you think it possible that something happened in the past you say it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ happened.

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

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

B

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

C

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

**32 Modal verbs 1**

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 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

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

B

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

C

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

**34 Modal verbs 3**

A

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

B

- 1 do you have to be/must you be
- 2 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

- 1 won't be able to
- 2 can't

B

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

C

- |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 2 a | 3 c | 4 d |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

**36 Modal verbs 5**

A

- 1 could/might even have died
- 2 should have listened
- 3 should have checked
- 4 shouldn't go
- 5 could/might easily have missed
- 6 would have been
- 7 would know
- 8 could learn/would learn
- 9 should have taken
- 10 should have told
- 11 shouldn't have gone out
- 12 would have been
- 13 should have known
- 14 could/might still catch

B

- 1 would have done it.
- 2 shouldn't have bought them.
- 3 couldn't have stolen it.
- 4 might/could have taken it/the plane.
- 5 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

- 1 would have been
- 2 could/might have finished
- 3 should have dug
- 4 would certainly have finished
- 5 would/might/could have fallen
- 6 should have finished
- 7 could move

**38 Modal verbs 7**

A

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

B

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

C

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

**39 Modal verbs 8**

A  
1 b, d, g, k      2 e, h, j      3 a, c, f, i

B  
1 b      2 a      3 d      4 e      5 c      6 h  
7 f      8 g      9 j      10 i      11 k

**40 Modal verbs 9**

A  
1 a) might/could      c) will  
b) won't      d) might/could  
2 a) could/might      c) can't  
b) could/might      d) must  
3 a) can't have have      c) might have/could  
b) might have/could have      d) must have  
4 a) must have have      c) could have/might  
b) can't have have      d) could have/might

B  
1 could, might      5 must have  
2 must      6 can't have, couldn't have  
3 can't, couldn't      7 could have, might have  
4 could, might

**41 Modal verbs 10**

A  
1 heard/could hear      6 climbed  
2 couldn't phone      7 couldn't start  
3 decided      8 found  
4 could swim/swam      9 began  
5 managed to swim      10 managed to row

B  
1 b      2 b      3 b      4 a

**42 Modal verbs 11**

A  
1 b      2 a      3 b      4 a      5 a      6 b  
7 a      8 b

B  
3 is not correct.

C  
1 correct      2 ... she managed to cycle ...  
3 correct      4 correct  
5 correct      6 ... she could cycle ...

**43 Passives 1**

2 I'm afraid it's been stolen.  
3 I'm afraid it's going to be demolished.  
4 I'm afraid it's been burgled.  
5 I'm afraid it'll be enlarged.  
6 I'm afraid it's being diverted.  
7 I'm afraid it's been knocked down.  
8 I'm afraid it's thrown away.  
9 I'm afraid it hasn't been built yet.  
10 I'm afraid she's being interviewed.

**44 Passives 2**

A  
1 b      2 a      3 a      4 b      5 a      6 b  
7 b      8 a

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

**45 Passives 3**

A  
1 a      2 a      3 b  
B  
1 They stole \$500 000  
2 they are painted  
3 she was examined (by a doctor)

**46 Passives 4**

A  
4 It (the film)      7 The film  
5 Ms O'Neill's costumes      8 It (the film)  
6 Her dresses

B  
4 It was directed by Luca Lopez and produced by Pablo Mendes.  
5 Ms O'Neill's costumes are said to be outstanding.  
6 Her dresses were specially designed by Gocci.  
7 The film has already been nominated for several awards.  
8 —

C  
1 pasta      5 China      9 Italy  
2 Italy      6 He      10 it  
3 Marco Polo      7 discovery      11 Italy  
4 it      8 pasta      12 China

**47 Past and present**

A  
1 did you notice  
2 are you shaving  
3 have you been waiting  
4 have you done  
5 were you driving  
6 do you meet

B  
1 was living  
2 realised  
3 had been  
4 was climbing  
5 saw  
6 had been drawn  
7 was  
8 recognised  
9 was  
10 began  
11 have been haunting/have haunted  
12 used to sacrifice/sacrificed

**48 Pasts 1**

1 had driven/      17 wasn't  
had been driving      18 had  
2 could      19 came  
3 got      20 was waiting  
4 checked      21 didn't look  
5 had not returned      22 saw  
6 went      23 had told  
7 went      24 gave  
8 heard      25 drank  
9 wondered      26 felt  
10 had followed      27 fell  
11 waited      28 killed  
12 was      29 said  
13 left      30 wasn't  
14 was      31 had confessed  
15 had gone      32 had hidden  
16 slipped

**49 Pasts 2**

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

B  
1 they had been driving      3 had worked  
2 had been deserted      4 died

C  
1 same      3 different  
2 different      4 same