

## Auxiliary verbs exercise

Fill in the blanks with appropriate auxiliary verbs. Remember to observe the rules of sequence of tenses.

1. He died so that he ..... save his country.

Please select 2 correct answers

might

could

may

2. We eat so that we ..... live.

may

can

might

3. You ..... go only if you have permission.

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will

would

may

4. He was so tired that he .....  
hardly stand.

can

could

would

5. He went to England in order that he  
..... become a barrister.

might

must

should

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6. He said that he ..... do it.

can

could

will

7. The robbers stole whatever they  
..... find in the shop.

can

could

may

might

8. He worked hard that he .....  
win the prize.

might

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could

Either could be used here

9. We ran so that we .....  
arrive in time.

may

could

can

10. He said that he ..... try  
again.

will

would

can

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11. He ran as quickly as he

.....

can

could

## Answers

1. He died so that he might / could save his country.
2. We eat so that we may live.
3. You may go only if you have permission.
4. He was so tired that he could hardly stand.
5. He went to England in order that he might become a barrister.
6. He said that he could do it.
7. The robbers stole whatever they could find in the shop.
8. He worked hard that he might /could win the prize.
9. We ran so that we could arrive in time.
10. He said that he would try again.
11. He ran as quickly as he could.