#### **Modal Auxiliaries Exercise**

This grammar exercise tests your ability to use modal auxiliaries correctly. Fill in the blanks.

### 1. She ..... have gone to work but I am not sure.

may	
can	
will	

### 2. You ..... be right. I don't know.

may

can

will

#### 3. ..... I borrow your camera?

Can

May

Either could be used here

#### 4. ..... you move a bit?

Can

May

Might

#### 5. ..... I come in teacher?

May

Can

Either could be used here

# 6. She ..... read when she was just three.

can

could

might

# 7. It is impossible. They ..... have lost their way.

can't

mayn't

mustn't

## 8. You ...... go after you have finished your work.

may

can

Either could be used here

### 9. What ...... you do if she doesn't recognize you?

can will shall

### 10. ..... you translate this article into German?

Can

May

Could

Either can or could

#### 11. Who ..... it be?

can

may

Either could be used here

### 12. You ..... smoke in the kitchen.

might not

cannot

could not

#### Answers

- 1. She may have gone to work but I am not sure.
- 2. You may be right. I don't know.
- 3. Can / May I borrow your camera?
- 4. Can you move a bit?
- 5. Can / May I come in teacher?
- 6. She could read when she was just three.
- 7. It is impossible. They can't have lost their way.
- 8. You can / may go after you have finished your work.
- 9. What will you do if she doesn't recognize you?
- 10. Can you translate this article into German?
- 11. Who can it be?
- 12. You can't smoke in the kitchen.