

Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal auxiliary.

1. You start coming on time.
(strong obligation)

must

will

can

2. You pay for this. (threat)

will

can

would

3. She be working late
tonight. (weak possibility)

may

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will

might

4. She spend hours talking to herself. (past habit)

will

would

may

5. You give credit where it is due.

ought to

will

Can

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6. the train be on time?

Will

Would

Can

7. 'Can somebody help me?' 'I
.....' (willingness)

will

would

might

8. I borrow your car?
(permission)

Will

Can

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Would

9. She not get the job.
(possibility)

may

can

will

10. I promise I tell anybody.

will not

would not

may not

11. you mind my sitting
here?

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Would

Will

May

12. She be here soon.
(logical conclusion)

would

should

could

Answers

You must start coming on time.

You will pay for this.

She might be working late tonight.

She would spend hours talking to herself.

You ought to give credit where it is due.

Will the train be on time?

'Can somebody help me?' 'I will.'

Can I borrow your car?

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She may not get the job.

I promise I won't tell anybody.

Would you mind my sitting here?

She should be here soon.