

Modal Auxiliary Verbs

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate auxiliary verb.

1. The doctor said that I
exercise. (absolute necessity)

must

should

had to

2. You work tomorrow. (lack
of necessity)

must not

need not

should not

3. That curtain be washed.
(absolute necessity)

need

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must

should

4. I to walk three miles to school when I was a child. (past necessity)

had

must

need

5. You get a job. (strong necessity)

must

need

will

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6. I borrow your car?
(permission)

Can

Will

Shall

7. You can but you bring it
back by evening. (instruction for future)

must

have

would

8. He said he be here at
three.

will

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would

can

9. She have a problem. She is crying. (strong probability)

can

must

will

10. She be Jane's sister. She looks just like her. (certainty)

can

must

will

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11. 'There is the doorbell.' 'Who it be?' (conclusion)

will

can

may

12. I carry this bag?
(Necessity)

Would

Should

Could

Answers

1. The doctor said that I must exercise.
2. You need not work tomorrow.
3. That curtain must be washed.

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4. I had to walk three miles to school when I was a child.
5. You must get a job.
6. Can I borrow your car?
7. You can but you must bring it back by evening.
8. He said he would be here at three.
9. She must have a problem. She is crying.
10. She must be Jane's sister. She looks just like her.
11. 'There is the doorbell.' 'Who can it be?'
12. Should I carry this bag?