

Modals Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate auxiliary verb.

1. Anyone do this. (Ability)

can

may

will

2. I have married her if I had wanted to. (Unrealized past ability)

could

can

will

3. We go swimming on the weekend. (Possibility)

may

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will

shall

4. I was so angry I have slapped him.

can

could

should

5. One day, it be possible to live on other planets. (Future prediction)

will

would

shall

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6. Tropical areas be very warm throughout the year. (Possibility)

can

may

might

7. Epidemics break out any day. (Theoretical possibility)

can

may

might

8. 'There is the doorbell.' 'Who it be?'

can

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may

might

9. 'Where is Janet?' 'She be in the basement.'

Please select 2 correct answers

can

could

may

10. 'What we do now?'

will

can

shall

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11. I see something over there.

may

can

might

12. I help but laugh.

wouldn't

couldn't

shouldn't

Answers

1. Anyone can do this.
2. I could have married her if I had wanted to.
3. We may go swimming on the weekend.

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4. I was so angry I could have slapped him.
5. One day, it will be possible to live on other planets.
6. Tropical areas can be very warm throughout the year.
7. Epidemics can break out any day.
8. 'There is the doorbell.' 'Who can it be?'
9. 'Where is Janet?' 'She may be / could be in the basement.'
10. 'What shall we do now?'
11. I can see something over there.
12. I couldn't help but laugh.