

Can, may and could worksheet

Complete the following sentences using appropriate modal auxiliaries.

1. He be on holiday, but I'm not sure.

may

can

Either could be used here

2. You be right, but I would still like to check.

may

can

should

3. you turn down the volume, please?

Can

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May

Either could be used here

4. You go when you have finished.

can

may

Either could be used here

5. You ask whatever questions you have.

may

can

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6. You smoke in the kitchen.

must not

cannot

should not

All of the above

7. From his accent, he be from Toronto.

can

could

8. 'Who can it be?' 'It the postman.'

may not

cannot

must not

9. The weather be hotter tomorrow.

may

could

Either could be used here

10. you dance?

Can

May

Could

Answers

1. He may be on holiday, but I'm not sure.
2. You may be right, but I would still like to check.
3. Can you turn down the volume, please?
4. You can / may go when you have finished.

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5. You can / may ask whatever questions you have.
6. You must not / cannot / should not smoke in the kitchen.
7. From his accent, he could be from Toronto.
8. 'Who can it be?' 'It can't be the postman.'
9. The weather could / may be hotter tomorrow.
10. Can you dance?