



PRACTICE.- MODAL VERBS. GENERAL REVISION

1.- Express the following ideas by using modal verbs.

- a) Tell your brother that **it's prohibited** to speak loud in a library
YOU MUSTN'T SPEAK LOUD IN A LIBRARY
- b) Ernest has **the obligation** to post the letters every day.
ERNEST MUST POST THE LETTERS EVERY DAY
- c) Raúl has the **ability** to speak 8 foreign languages
RÁUL CAN SPEAK 8 FOREIGN LANGUAGES
- d).- There is a **possibility** of raining this afternoon
IT MAY RAIN THIS AFTERNOON
- e).- Give some **advice** to your brother. He never does his homework
YOU SHOULD WORK HARDER AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK
- f).- Ask for **permission** to phone your friend
MAY I / CAN I PHONE MY FRIEND?
- g) Your friend drives very fast. **Give him some advice**
YOU SHOULD DRIVE MORE SLOWLY
- h) Express that your sister **will have the ability** to speak Portuguese.
MY SISTER WILL SPEAK PORTUGUESE
- i) Tell your mother that **she doesn't need** to drive you to school.
YOU NEEDN'T DRIVE ME TO SCHOOL

2.- Rewrite the sentences using the words given in bold type.

1. It isn't necessary to buy a ticket
NEEDN'T... You needn't buy a ticket
2. I advise him to be more careful.
OUGHT You ought to be more careful
3. I think that's John's car.
MUST That must be John's car
4. I don't think he is her brother.
CAN'T That can't be her brother
5. He couldn't swim when he was 5.
ABLE He wasn't able to swim when he was 5
6. It's possible that he will win the race.
MIGHT He might win the race
7. You are not allowed to play in their garden.
MUSTN'T You mustn't play in their garden

8. It isn't necessary for them to repair the car.

NEED They needn't repair the car

9. It's not possible for you to eat so much.

CAN'T You can't eat so much

10.- I advise you to study harder.

SHOULD You should study harder

11. It's just possible she's still at work.

MAY She may be still at work.

12.- I can't believe you're serious. No way

CAN'T You can't be serious .

13. We don't have to go shopping with her

NEEDN'T We needn't go shopping with her .

14. It isn't necessary for us to fix the car.

NEED We need to fix the car

3.- Translate Into English. Use Modal verbs.

1.- No sé hablar ruso, pero podré hablar ruso dentro de 5 años.

I can't speak Russian, but I will be able to speak Russian in 5 years

2.- Quizás vayamos a la discoteca.

We may go to the disco.

3.- Debe haber gente muy trabajadora en tu empresa

There must be very hard-working people in your company

4.- No deberías haber contado esa mentira.

You shouldn't have told that lie

5.- Tuve que ducharme con agua fría porque no había agua caliente.

I had to shower in cold water because there was no hot water

6.- Seguro que Mariano gana mucho dinero

Mariano must earn a lot of money.

7.- No hace falta que te levantes tan temprano.

You needn't get up so early .

8.- Podríamos haber jugado mejor.

We could have played better.

9.- A lo mejor estoy equivocado, pero la gente debería tener más cuidado.

I may be wrong but people should be more careful

10.- Puede haber disputas entre los trabajadores y empresarios.

There may be arguments between the workers and the employers