



LOS VERBOS MODALES

ANSWERS

PRACTICE.- Translate into English. (Use a modal verb)

- 1.- ¿ Qué sabes hacer?. **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**
- 2.- Mi hermana no sabe nadar **MY SISTER CAN'T SWIM**
- 3.- ¿ Puedo entrar? **MAY I COME IN?**
- 4.- ¿ Sabes escribir a máquina? **CAN YOU TYPE?**
- 5.- Tal vez apruebe el examen **I MAY PASS THE EXAM**
- 6.- No podrás conseguirlo **YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IT**
- 7.- ¿Puedo coger tu coche? **MAY I TAKE YOUR CAR?**
- 8.- Quizás encuentre trabajo (pero lo veo muy complicado) **I MIGHT FIND A JOB.**
- 9.- No puede ser verdad **IT CAN'T BE TRUE**
- 10.- He podido terminar mis deberes **I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FINISH MY HOMEWORK**

4.- Must, Mustn't, Have To, Should, Ought To

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- 1.- Tienes que llevar gafas. **YOU MUST WEAR GLASSES**
- 2.- Paco debería quedarse en casa **PACO SHOULD STAY AT HOME**
- 3.- Los alumnos no pueden comer chicle en clase
THE STUDENTS MUSTN'T EAT GUM IN CLASS
- 4.- ¿ Qué debería hacer? **WHAT SHOULD I DO?**
- 5.- Es necesario que no lleguemos tarde **WE MUSTN'T BE LATE**
- 6.- Sandra tuvo que disculparse **SANDRA HAD TO APOLOGISE**
- 7.- Este examen es muy importante para ella. Debe estar nerviosa
THIS EXAM IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR HER. SHE MUST BE NERVOUS
- 8.- Creo que deberías pensar en ello antes de tomar una decisión
I THINK YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT IT BEFORE MAKING A DECISION
- 9.- Tuvo que ser muy duro para ellos
IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY HARD FOR THEM
- 10.- El ladrón tendrá que devolver las joyas
THE THIEF MUST/ WILL HAVE TO RETURN THE JEWELS.



5.- Needn't / Don't Have To,

Some extra exercises

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

RAÚL 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 DO YOUR HOMEWORK / YOU SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE

f).- Ask for **permission** to phone your friend

MAY I PHONE MY FRIEND?

g) Your friend drives very fast. **Give him some advice**

YOU SHOULDN'T DRIVE SO FAST/ YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN

h) Express that your sister **will have the ability** to speak Portuguese.

MY SISTER WILL BE ABLE TO 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.

Example: 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 HE 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 .- HE 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 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 NEEDN'T FIX THE CAR