

Modals:- Modals are the modified forms of helping verbs. They modify the mood of the action verb.

The main modals are as follow:

shall, will, should, would, can, could, may, might, must, ought to, used to, need, has/had/have to etc.

Features of Modals

1. Modals always express the imaginary actions like ability, power, permission, request, possibility, willingness, certainty, right and wrong, necessity, etc.
2. Modals do not come alone, they always take the 1st form of the verb with them.
3. Modals are never affected by the person, number and gender of the subject.

Modals at a Glance

Modal	What it Expresses
shall	Simple future (when used with 1 st person (I, we)) Threat, promise, determination, Command, when used with 2 nd or 3 rd person (you, he, she, it, they)
will	Simple future when used with 2 nd or 3 rd person. Threat, promise, determination, Command when used with 1 st person
should	Duty, obligation, advice, suggestions, request, surprise, purpose, etc. Past form of 'shall'

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modal	What it Expresses
Would	Past form of 'will', willingness, past habit, determination, suggestion, polite request, wish or desire, unreal condition.
Can	Ability, strong possibility, permission,
Need	Principal as well as defective verb. As a defective verb used in weakness, necessity, obligation, (neg. and Interrogative sentences)
Could	Past form of can, Ability of past, polite request, possibility etc.
May	Formal permission, doubtful possibility, purpose, wish
Might	Past form of may: possibility, purpose
Must	Necessity, Compulsion, obligation, determination, certainty, emphatic, advice, prohibition, etc.
Ought to	Moral duty, obligation, advice, strong probability.
Used to	Past habit
Has to/Have to/ Had to	Forced action of future or past

Assignment

For practice printed exercise is given below.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals choosing from 'have to' 'has to' or 'had to'.

- (a) Prachi work hard as one week is left for her CA Final Examination.
- (b) We borrow money as there was lack of funds.
- (c) All the children of class tenth will go to the principal's office to collect their mark sheets.
- (d) Nowadays the women have dual responsibilities as they work at home and office as well.
- (e) The government give up as Anna Hazare was determined to fight corruption in his own way.
- (f) Rakesh work hard to clear his exams this time.
- (g) Kartik help his mother as all their servants were on leave.
- (h) Garima go to the market to buy the grocery as the guests are arriving now.
- (i) The masons complete the construction today.
- (j) Prema cannot accompany them as she wind up with her work.

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals.

Ram (a) keep his word as he (b) repay all his loan. He (c) be seventeen next week. I am certain that you (d) see that how successfully he has accomplished his mission. (e) he live long ! You (f) not worry. Your money is safe.

3. A person with a fragile ego (a) take anything you say personally. They not only (b) a hard time ahead, but (c) also feel insulted. They (d) get hurt and in return they (e) injure others. They are called sadists who (f) certainly mar others' reputation.

4. In India, the death toll due to road accidents (a) increased drastically. Most of them (b) have been averted. Wider road awareness among road users (c) be taught. Separate lanes for heavy vehicles (d) be made. More stringent laws (e) be enforced while issuing licenses. If we do not follow this, the degrading society like ours (f) fail the next day.

5. Cross-Border terrorism (a) increase if there is no check now. The prime cause is, anybody who enters the state illegally (b) be permitted to stay. Our government (c) undertake strong measures so that this act could be prevented. I hope the terrorists (d) realise their moral obligation. Kill the sin and not the sinner, hence the terrorists (e) not be punished rather they (f) to be rehabilitated.

6. Complete the dialogue, filling in the blanks.

Frog : You (a) practise for longer hours as it will make your voice grow stronger.

Nightingale : But I (b) as the weather is bad.

Frog : If you don't then you (c) lose your audience. You (d) to make them happier.

Nightingale : No, I am leaving your Bingle Bog Jungle right now, I (e) not sing at any cost.

Frog : You (f) not or else I will kill you.

7. Kinshuk : Doctor, I am not feeling well, (a) you please issue me a medical certificate?

Dr. Anil : Yes, certainly I (b) if you (c) tell me your ailment.

Kinshuk : Sir, I (d) go to Simla as I am suffering from workaholism.

Dr. Anil : This is no ailment. Sorry, in that case I (e) You (f) leave now.

8. Prachi : (a) I remind you that tomorrow we (b) go for a movie ?

Rashmi : No, you (c) I (d) ask Namrata to remind me.

Prachi : I (e) be happy if you bring your sister along.

Rashmi : OK. I (f) certainly.

9. Vedant : Mom, (a) I go for a picnic tomorrow with my friends?

Mom : Yes, you (b) but you (c) be very careful to carry your water bottle along.

Vedant : Ma, I (d) certainly do that.

Mom : I am little perturbed about your health, (e) you carry your mobile in case I (f) communicate with your teacher?

10. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate modal.**

Mohan is not keeping well nowadays. He (a) see the doctor immediately. He (b) get well unless he visits a doctor. He (c) be suffering from viral fever. He (d) take proper medicine and rest lest he (e) fall seriously ill. It (f) affect not only his health but studies also.