

Chapter 5. Verbs: Modals

Exercise 1. Rewrite the following sentences using the words given in the brackets:

Example. She will probably be here any moment. (should)

She should be here any moment.

1. I'll probably join you at dinner. (should)

2. Perhaps she will contact you tomorrow. (might)

3. It is impossible that she is telling the truth. (can't)

4. Perhaps I won't go out this evening. (may)

5. She will probably return your notes tomorrow. (ought to)

6. You are not allowed to overtake on this stretch of the road. (can't)

7. You don't have to be a member to get in. (needn't)

8. It is possible for anyone to learn to swim. (can)

9. I am sure she has missed the school bus. (must)

10. It is impossible that Mr Kaul has left the office so early. (can't)

Exercise 2. Rewrite the following sentences using the words given in the brackets:

1. Perhaps he misplaced the car keys. (may)

2. It is impossible that she deceived you intentionally. (can't)

3. He will probably pass the driving test easily. (should)

4. I think Kapil did not get your message. (might)

5. Perhaps they were caught in a traffic jam. (could)

6. I am sure you have read the instructions carefully. (must)

7. It is impossible that the unit test was cancelled. (can't)

8. Perhaps she did not appear for the interview. (might)

9. I was not allowed to carry the reference books home. (couldn't)

10. Perhaps she forgot about the meeting. (may)

Exercise 3. A few actions that were actually performed are mentioned below. In place of them, write about some actions that **should/ought to/might/could have been performed**. You may use the clues given in the brackets or go for your own ideas.

Example. She ordered snacks from a nearby shop. (prepare lunch at home)

She should have prepared a nice lunch at home.

1. The team went to a reception. (go to the nets for practice)

2. I bought some popular medicine from a chemist. (consult a doctor)

3. She bought a new copy of that expensive book. (get photocopies of important pages)

4. He spent money on a new model television set. (pay his loan)

5. They shifted to an independent house and started living separately. (stay with their old parents)

6. They got the old car repaired. (buy a new one)
