

Worksheet: Modal Verbs for Expressing Obligation

Directions: Write the missing word in each sentence. Choose from the modal verbs in the box below.

will	must	should	can	may	could	might
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1. You _____ borrow the books in this section of the library.
2. To apply for financial aid, you _____ fill out an application form.
3. We _____ need to get some milk on the way home.
4. Students _____ stay home if they have the flu.
5. You _____ leave your coats on the bed in the other room.
6. You _____ clean up your room before you go outside.
7. He _____ take a biology class in the spring.
8. I think you _____ wear your blue shirt with those pants.
9. You _____ fix those shoes with some shoe glue.
10. You _____ want to try on some of the salad.
11. You _____ check to see if that book is available on-line.
12. You _____ make a copy of this document.
13. You _____ be nice to your little brother.
14. You _____ have automobile insurance to drive a car in California.

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Answer Key

Directions: Write the missing word in each sentence. Choose from the modal verbs in the box below.

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1. You may borrow the books in this section of the library. (*can* is also acceptable. Discuss.)
2. To apply for financial aid, you must fill out an application form.
3. We might need to get some milk on the way home. (*may* is also acceptable. Discuss.)
4. Students should stay home if they have the flu. (*must* is also acceptable. Discuss.)
5. You can leave your coats on the bed in the other room.
6. You will clean up your room before you go outside. (*should* and *must* are also acceptable. Discuss)
7. He may take a biology class in the spring. (*must* and *will* are also acceptable. Discuss.)
8. I think you should wear your blue shirt with those pants.
9. You could fix those shoes with some shoe glue.
10. You might want to try on some of the salad.
11. You could see if the book is available on-line. (*might* and *should* are also acceptable. Discuss)
12. You can make a copy of this document.
13. You will be nice to your little brother. (*must* and *should* are also acceptable. Discuss.)
14. You must have automobile insurance to drive a car in California.