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

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

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| will | must | should | can | may | could | might |

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.