11.2 Modal Verbs: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

The Stargazing Trip

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Every pupil in the astronomy club had been looking forward to the stargazing trip for weeks. Mr Ellison warned the class that the forecast was uncertain: the clouds might clear by nightfall, or they could stay thick until morning. 'You must bring a torch and a warm coat,' he reminded everyone, 'because the field will be cold and dark.' Priya asked whether she could bring her little telescope, and Mr Ellison said she may, as long as she carried it carefully. Some pupils worried that the trip would be cancelled, but Mr Ellison explained that rain must fall heavily before that decision was made. By seven o'clock, the sky had turned a deep purple, and everyone agreed that the stars should be visible within the hour. 'You should stay close together,' Mr Ellison said, 'and you must not use torches once we start looking through the telescopes.' As the last clouds drifted away, Jamal whispered that this might be the clearest sky he had ever seen. Nobody wanted to go home when the coach arrived, but Mr Ellison promised that the club would return again in the autumn.

1 A modal verb is used before a main verb to show how possible, certain, necessary or permitted something is. Common modal verbs include can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will and would. Tick the modal verb in each sentence.

(a) You must wear a helmet on your bike. **(1)**

- ☐ A) must
- ☐ B) wear
- ☐ C) helmet

(b) She could hear the rain on the roof. **(1)**

- ☐ A) hear
- ☐ B) could
- ☐ C) roof

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(c) They might arrive a little late. **(1)**

- ☐ A) They
- ☐ B) might
- ☐ C) late

(d) We should tidy the classroom before lunch. **(1)**

- ☐ A) tidy
- ☐ B) should
- ☐ C) lunch

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2 Circle all the modal verbs in the sentence below.

You should ask an adult, but you must not go near the cliff edge alone.

(2)

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3 Underline the modal verb in each sentence.

(a) The bus may be late today. **(1)**

(b) I will help you tomorrow. **(1)**

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4 Each sentence below contains an error with the modal verb. Find the mistake and rewrite each sentence correctly.

(a) He cans swim across the lake. **(1)**

(b) She must to tidy her room before dinner. **(1)**

(c) They could helped us carry the boxes. **(1)**

(d) We should of asked before borrowing the ladder. **(1)**

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5 The paragraph below contains three modal verb errors. Find the three mistakes and write the paragraph out correctly.

Everyone was worried about the trip. Mr Ellison said the coach must to leave by eight o'clock, and that latecomers might missed it completely. He reminded the class that they should of packed their bags the night before.

(3)

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Question 1

(a) A ticked (must) cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) must**

(b) B ticked (could) cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) could**

(c) B ticked (might) cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **B) might**

(d) B ticked (should) cao — **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) should**

Question 2

should circled — **B1**

must circled — **B1**

Answer: **should, must**

Question 3

(a) may underlined cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **may**

(b) will underlined cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **will**

Question 4

(a) writes 'He can swim across the lake.' (modal verbs never add -s) cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **He can swim across the lake.**

(b) writes 'She must tidy her room before dinner.' ('to' never follows a modal verb) cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **She must tidy her room before dinner.**

(c) writes 'They could have helped us carry the boxes.' (modal verb + have + past participle) cao (also accept 'They could help us carry the boxes.') — **B1**

(c) Answer: **They could have helped us carry the boxes.**

(d) writes 'We should have asked before borrowing the ladder.' ('of' must never follow a modal verb; it should be 'have') cao — **B1**

(d) Answer: **We should have asked before borrowing the ladder.**

Question 5

corrects 'must to leave' to 'must leave' cao — **B1**

corrects 'might missed' to 'might miss' cao — **B1**

corrects 'should of packed' to 'should have packed' cao — **B1**

Answer: **Everyone was worried about the trip. Mr Ellison said the coach must leave by eight o'clock, and that latecomers might miss it completely. He reminded the class that they should have packed their bags the night before.**

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