Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal auxiliary verb.

1. You have been working all day. You .......................... be tired.

   can
   must

2. What ....................... we do now?

   shall
   would
   may

3. Well, we ....................... watch a movie.

   can
   may
4. How …………………………... we solve this problem?

5. That ………………………... be a really nice restaurant. It is always full of people.
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6. She ………………………... be a good writer. Hardly anyone reads her books.

must not

can't

will not

7. I left my phone on this table and now it is gone. Somebody ……………………….. have stolen it.

can

must

should

8. Che was a famous revolutionary. You …………………… have heard of him before.

can
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shall

must

9. I didn’t hear the doorbell. I …………………………have been asleep.

can

must

shall

10. She …………………………. be here soon. She has just left her home.

must not

can’t

mayn’t
11. This shirt is made of very fine fabric. It .................... be expensive.

- can
- must
- will

12. There is the doorbell. Who ......................... it be?

- can
- may
- shall

Answers

You have been working all day. You must be tired.
What shall we do now?
Well, we can watch a movie.
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How will we solve this problem?
That must be a really nice restaurant. It is always full of people.
She can’t be a good writer. Hardly anyone reads her books.
I left my phone on this table and now it is gone. Somebody must have stolen it.
Che was a famous revolutionary. You must have heard of him before.
I didn’t hear the doorbell. I must have been asleep.
She can’t be here soon. She has just left her home.
This shirt is made of very fine fabric. It must be expensive.
There is the doorbell. Who can it be?