Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal auxiliary.

1. You ………………………………… start coming on time. (strong obligation)

   must

   will

   can

2. You ………………………………… pay for this. (threat)

   will

   can

   would

3. She ………………………………… be working late tonight. (weak possibility)
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4. She ............................... spend hours talking to herself. (past habit)

will

would

may

5. You ............................... give credit where it is due.

ought to

will
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6. ........................................ the train be on time?

   Will

   Would

   Can

7. ‘Can somebody help me?’ ‘I ........................................’ (willingness)

   will

   would

   might

8. ........................................ I borrow your car?
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### (permission)

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### (possibility)

9. She ________________________ not get the job.

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10. I promise I ________________________ tell anybody.

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11. ………………………….. you mind my sitting here?

Would
Will
May

12. She ………………………….. be here soon. (logical conclusion)

would
should
could
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Answers

You must start coming on time.
You will pay for this.
She might be working late tonight.
She would spend hours talking to herself.
You ought to give credit where it is due.
Will the train be on time?
‘Can somebody help me?’ ‘I will.’
Can I borrow your car?
She may not get the job.
I promise I won’t tell anybody.
Would you mind my sitting here?
She should be here soon.