Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal auxiliary verb.

1. She ......................... struggle to feed such a large family.
   - should
   - can
   - must

2. With favorable winds, a sailing ship ......................... outperform a steamship.
   - can
   - may
   - might

3. It ......................... be wise to confess your fault.
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4. ......................... you feel your way in the dark?

Can

Will

May

5. The ambassador ...................... throw a party for the visiting dignitaries.

will

can
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6. We ……………………. see the top of the hill in the thick mist.

would

couldn't

shouldn't

must not

7. This picture ……………………. look better in a black frame.

can

would

should
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8. Cover your cough so you ................. spread germs.

- won't
- shouldn't
- mayn't

9. A gentleman ......................... never use such language.

- would
- can
- could

10. The goblins ......................... get you if you don’t watch out.

- should
11. You ..................... get a spanking when your father comes home.

12. What ..................... I give you for your birthday?
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Answers

She must struggle to feed such a large family.
With favorable winds, a sailing ship can outperform a steamship.
It would be wise to confess your fault.
Can you feel your way in the dark?
The ambassador will throw a party for the visiting dignitaries.
We couldn’t see the top of the hill in the thick mist.
This picture would look better in a black frame.
Cover your cough so you won’t spread germs.
A gentleman would never use such language.
The goblins will get you if you don’t watch out.
You will get a spanking when your father comes home.
What can I give you for your birthday?