

# 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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can

would

should

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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would

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

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

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must

will

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

will

can

should

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

can

may

could

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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?