

Modal auxiliary verbs exercise

Complete the following sentences using appropriate modal auxiliary verbs. Each question is followed by three suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one.

1. I be happy to meet Robinson.

will

shall

Either could be used here

2. he play for our team?

Will

Shall

Either could be used here

3. I get a prize if I stand first in the examination?

Will

Would

Should

4. I be able to beat him. (Express possibility)

would

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could
should

5. Watch and pray lest you fall into temptation.

will
would
should

6. The old man recline in a corner and sleep most of the time. (Express a habitual action in the past)

will
would
should

7. I rather read a novel than watch that stupid movie.

will
would
should

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8. you mind lending me your pen for a minute?

Would

Should

Could

9. Till last year, I read without glasses.

would

should

could

10. If I fly like a bird, I be with you now.

could, would

would, would

could, should

Answers

1. I will / shall be happy to meet Robinson.

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2. Will he play for our team?
3. Will I get a prize if I stand first in the examination?
4. I should be able to beat him.
5. Watch and pray lest you should fall into temptation.
6. The old man would recline in a corner and sleep most of the time.
7. I would rather read a novel than watch that stupid movie.
8. Would you mind lending me your pen for a minute?
9. Till last year, I could read without glasses.
10. If I could fly like a bird, I would be with you now.