

# Modal auxiliary verbs exercise

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate modal auxiliary verb.

1. The police warned the mob that they  
..... start firing, if they created trouble.

will  
would  
could

2. Passengers ..... not smoke on the  
bus.

must  
can  
need

3. .... I have a word with you?

Can  
Will  
Should

4. Parents ..... accompany their  
children to the school.

cannot

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could not  
might not

5. There was a time when I ..... read till midnight, but these days I go to bed early.

should  
ought to  
used to

6. You ..... not tell me. I know everything.

can  
must  
need

7. I have promised to keep this secret. I ..... disclose it to anyone.

cannot  
need not  
might not

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8. .... I tell you what happened?

Shall

Will

Would

9. How long ..... you take to complete this job?

shall

will

can

## Answers

1. The police warned the mob that they would start firing, if they created trouble.
2. Passengers must not smoke on the bus.
3. Can I have a word with you?
4. Parents cannot accompany their children to the school.
5. There was a time when I used to read till midnight, but these days I go to bed early.
6. You need not tell me. I know everything.
7. I have promised to keep this secret. I cannot disclose it to anyone.

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8. Shall I tell you what happened?

9. How long will you take to complete this job?