

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?