

Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

This grammar exercise tests your ability to use modal auxiliary verbs. Fill in the blanks.

1. She may his name.

know
knows
knowing

2. She speak English.

can
cans

3. He do that.

not should
does not should
should not

4. You must now.

to leave
leave
leaving

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5. The walls ought to one of these days.

- paint
- be painted
- be painting

6. I really to work hard in those days.

- have
- had
- must
- musted

7. You me you were coming.

- should tell
- should told
- should have told

8. 'Suma hasn't arrived yet.' 'She the train.'

- might miss
- might have missed

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can have missed

9. She be in London or Paris.

could

can

10. Chennai be very hot in March.

may

can

must

11. 'Where is Janaki?' 'She have gone swimming.'

Please select 2 correct answers

may

might

can

12. Students use the staff

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car park.

must not

may not

cannot

All of the above

Answers

1. She may know his name.
2. She can speak English.
3. He should not do that.
4. You must leave now.
5. The walls ought to be painted one of these days.
6. I really had to work hard in those days.
7. You should have told me you were coming.
8. 'Suma hasn't arrived yet.' 'She might have missed the train.'
9. She could be in London or Paris.
10. Chennai can be very hot in March.
11. 'Where is Janaki?' 'She may/might have gone swimming.'
12. Students must not / cannot / may not use the staff car park.