Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal auxiliary verb.

1. She ................. speak Italian really well.
   can
   may
   might

2. I asked if you ......................... arrive in the afternoon.
   can
   could
   might

3. She ......................... walk when she was just nine months old.
   can
   could
   might

4. If you take rest for an hour, you ......................... feel better.

Please select 3 correct answers
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5. After giving birth, a woman can / may / could / might suffer from depression for many months.

6. She said that she may / can / shall go to the movies.

7. You might / would / should have lots of money, but that doesn’t mean you are better than me.
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8. When I was a child, I ………………………… watch TV whenever I wanted.

may
might
could

9. ……………………………… he arrive on time?

Will
Would
Shall

10. I ………………………… be happy even if I do not win the prize.

will
could
may

11. She ……………………………… be here soon.

shall
should
would
12. I ___________________________ kill him if he reads my letters again.

will
shall
would

Answers

1. She can speak Italian really well.

2. I asked if you could arrive in the afternoon.

3. She could walk when she was just nine months old.

4. If you take rest for an hour, you may / might / could feel better.

5. After giving birth, a woman may suffer from depression for many months.

6. She said that she might go to the movies.

7. You might have lots of money, but that doesn’t mean you are better than me.

8. When I was a child, I could watch TV whenever I wanted.

9. Will he arrive on time?

10. I will be happy even if I do not win the prize.

11. She should be here soon. 12. I will kill him if he reads my letters again.