

# Modal auxiliary verbs worksheet

Complete the following sentences using appropriate auxiliary verbs.

1. .... you touch your toes without bending your knees?

Can  
May  
Shall

2. I ..... like to offer a piece of advice.

would  
could  
will

3. .... you mind moving a bit?

Can  
Would  
May

4. .... I leave now?

Can  
May  
Either could be used here

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5. You ..... be sick; your eyes are red and watery.

should

can

must

6. You ..... not drink and drive.

must

ought

need

7. .... you like to have a glass of milk?

Can

Would

Should

8. He ..... have been in a lot of pain.

will

must

should

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9. You ..... build a rain water harvesting system.

- should
- must
- ought to
- All of the above

10. We ..... consume a lot of sugar, but now we have given up that habit.

- used
- used to
- should

11. Who ..... it be?

- will
- can
- may

12. There ..... be something wrong with him.

- will
- ought

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must

## Answers

1. Can you touch your toes without bending your knees?
2. I would like to offer a piece of advice.
3. Would you mind moving a bit?
4. May I leave now?
5. You must be sick; your eyes are red and watery.
6. You must not drink and drive.
7. Would you like to have a glass of milk?
8. He must have been in a lot of pain.
9. You should build a rain water harvesting system.
10. We used to consume a lot of sugar, but now we have given up that habit.
11. Who can it be?
12. There must be something wrong with him.