

# Modal auxiliary verbs worksheet

Complete the following sentences using appropriate modal auxiliary verbs.

1. .... you help me with my homework?

Will

Shall

Should

2. You ..... obey the traffic rules.

should

must

ought to

All of the above

3. He ..... do it. (Unwillingness)

will not

shall not

cannot

4. Unless you are careful, you ..... get into trouble. (Prediction)

will

would

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can

5. The children asked whether they ..... go for a swim. (Permission)

can

may

might

6. We ..... hear music playing in the next room.

can

may

will

7. If you work hard, you ..... succeed. (Prediction)

will

would

could

8. We did all that we ..... (Ability)

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can  
could  
will

9. He ..... not come. (Possibility)

may  
can  
shall

10. She ..... permit this. (Weak possibility)

may  
might  
can

11. I ..... sacrifice my life for my country. (Determination)

can  
will  
may

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12. The rattle snake ..... move very fast.  
(Ability)

may

can

will

13. You ..... park here. (Prohibition)

must not

must

can

## Answers

1. Will you help me with my homework? (Willingness)
2. You should/ought to obey the traffic rules. (Obligation)
3. He will not do it. (Unwillingness)
4. Unless you are careful, you will get into trouble. (Prediction)
5. The children asked whether they might / could go for a swim. (Permission)
6. We can hear music playing in the next room. (Ability)
7. If you work hard, you will succeed. (Prediction)

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8. We did all that we could. (Ability)
9. He may not come. (Possibility)
10. She might permit this. (Weak possibility)
11. I will sacrifice my life for my country. (Determination)
12. The rattle snake can move very fast. (Ability)
13. You must not park here. (Prohibition)