

# Modal Auxiliary Verbs

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate auxiliary verb.

1. The doctor said that I .....  
exercise. (absolute necessity)

must

should

had to

2. You ..... work tomorrow. (lack  
of necessity)

must not

need not

should not

3. That curtain ..... be washed.  
(absolute necessity)

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need

must

should

4. I ..... to walk three miles to school when I was a child. (past necessity)

had

must

need

5. You ..... get a job. (strong necessity)

must

need

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will

6. .... I borrow your car?  
(permission)

Can

Will

Shall

7. You can but you ..... bring it  
back by evening. (instruction for future)

must

have

would

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8. He said he ..... be here at three.

will

would

can

9. She ..... have a problem. She is crying. (strong probability)

can

must

will

10. She ..... be Jane's sister. She looks just like her. (certainty)

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can

must

will

11. 'There is the doorbell.' 'Who ..... it be?' (conclusion)

will

can

may

12. .... I carry this bag?  
(Necessity)

Would

Should

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Could

## Answers

1. The doctor said that I must exercise.
2. You need not work tomorrow.
3. That curtain must be washed.
4. I had to walk three miles to school when I was a child.
5. You must get a job.
6. Can I borrow your car?
7. You can but you must bring it back by evening.
8. He said he would be here at three.
9. She must have a problem. She is crying.
10. She must be Jane's sister. She looks just like her.
11. 'There is the doorbell.' 'Who can it be?'
12. Should I carry this bag?