

# Modals worksheet

This grammar exercise tests your ability to use modal auxiliary verbs correctly.

Complete the following sentences using appropriate modal auxiliary verbs.

1. If you are the owner of this bull, you ..... be able to tell us which of its eyes is blind.

should  
shall  
would

2. I ..... do something to help them.

must  
would  
need

3. .... you come with me?

Will  
Shall  
May

4. The traveller felt that he ..... be

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going on, but pity held him back.

ought to  
need  
will

5. .... I open the window?

Should  
Will  
Ought to

6. If they started in the morning, they  
..... be here soon.

should  
shall  
should

7. In the not-so-distant future, humans  
..... colonize Mars.

may  
could  
need

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8. You ..... work overtime to make up for it.

must

ought

would

## Answers

1. If you are the owner of this bull, you should be able to tell us which of its eyes is blind.
2. I must do something to help them.
3. Will you come with me?
4. The traveller felt that he ought to be going on, but pity held him back.
5. Should I open the window?
6. If they started in the morning, they should be here soon.
7. In the not-so-distant future, humans may colonize Mars.
8. You must work overtime to make up for it.