

# MODAL VERBS

Directions: Which completion do you think the speaker would probably say? Choose the best one.

1. — Is Jeff a good student?  
— He A. I don't know him well, but I heard he was offered a scholarship for next year.  
A. must be      B. could be      C. is
2. — Do you know where Eva is?  
— She \_\_\_\_\_ at Barbara's house. She said something about wanting to visit after work today, but I'm really not sure.  
A. must be      B. could be      C. is
3. — I stayed up all night finishing this report for the boss.  
— You \_\_\_\_\_ really tired.  
— I do.  
A. must feel      B. might feel      C. feel
4. — Do you think the grocery store is still open?  
— It \_\_\_\_\_. I can't ever remember what their hours are.  
A. must be      B. could be      C. is
5. — Where's the left-over chicken from dinner last night?  
— I just saw it when I got some ice cubes. It \_\_\_\_\_ in the freezer.  
A. must be      B. might be      C. is
6. — It's supposed to rain tomorrow.  
— I know, but the forecast \_\_\_\_\_ wrong. Weather forecasts are far from 100 percent accurate.  
A. must be      B. could be      C. is
7. — I heard that Jane has received a scholarship and will be able to attend the university in the fall.  
— Wonderful! That's good news. She \_\_\_\_\_ very happy to have the matter finally settled.  
A. must be      B. may be      C. is
8. — Excuse me. Could you tell me which bus I should take to get to City Hall?  
— Hmmm. Bus number 63 \_\_\_\_\_ there. But you'd better ask the driver.  
A. must go      B. might go      C. goes
9. — Which bus should I take to get to the main post office?  
— Bus number 39. It \_\_\_\_\_ right to the post office.  
A. must go      B. could go      C. goes
10. — Do you suppose Mrs. Chu is sick?  
— She \_\_\_\_\_. I can't think of anything else that would have kept her from coming to this meeting.  
A. must be      B. may be      C. is
11. — Is that Adam's brother standing with him in the cafeteria line?  
— It \_\_\_\_\_, I suppose. He does look a little like Adam.  
A. must be      B. could be      C. is
12. — Let's be really quiet when we go into the baby's room. The baby \_\_\_\_\_, and we don't want to wake her up.  
— Okay.  
A. might sleep      B. might be sleeping      C. might have been sleeping
13. — I wonder why the radio is on in the den. No one's in there.  
— Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ to turn it off. She was in the den earlier and was probably listening to it.  
A. must forget      B. must have forgotten      C. must be forgetting
14. — When Ms. White answered the door, I noticed her hands and clothes were dirty.  
— Really? That's odd.  
— Not really. I figured she \_\_\_\_\_ in her garden when she heard the doorbell, and came inside to answer it. She's an avid gardener, you know.  
A. must work      B. must have worked      C. must have been working