

Modals and phrasal modals.

Directions: Choose the correct completion.

Example: Peter C rather sleep on a mattress than on the floor.
 A. shall B. could C. would D. must

1. "My boss is always looking over my shoulder whenever I do anything."
 "That _____ bother you."
 "But it does."
 A. shouldn't B. might not C. may not D. won't
2. "This movie is boring and too violent."
 "I agree. _____ leave?"
 A. Will we B. Why don't we C. Must we D. Would we
3. "Chris, you _____ the fish in the refrigerator before it spoils."
 "You're right. I didn't know it was still in the shopping bag."
 A. had better put B. had to put C. would rather put D. may put
4. "What does Mr. Griffin do for a living?"
 "Nothing. He's very rich. He _____ work for a living."
 A. must not B. shouldn't C. doesn't have to D. hadn't better
5. "Why are you so late?"
 "I _____ my aunt to the airport. The traffic was terrible!"
 A. could take B. must have taken C. should take D. had to take
6. "I heard that Laura was offered a job at a top computer firm in Chicago."
 "Oh? That's wonderful! She _____ very pleased."
 A. is supposed to be B. might be C. must be D. is
7. "My boss expects me to work this weekend."
 "You shouldn't _____ work on weekends."
 A. must B. be going to C. ought to D. have to
8. "They towed my car away from the executive parking lot yesterday."
 "You _____ have parked there."
 A. may not B. should not C. must not D. might not
9. "Are you going to have a big birthday party for your father?"
 "Not this year, but next year. He _____ 50 years old then."
 A. should be B. must be C. will be D. has to be
10. "I need some help with this table. _____ you lift the other end, please?"
 "Sure, just a second."
 A. May B. Should C. Could D. Shall
11. "How did you get my telephone number? It's not listed in the phone book, so you _____ have found it in the directory."
 "I got it from your mother."
 A. may not B. won't C. might not D. couldn't
12. "Is that volcano dormant or active?"
 "Active. According to the experts, it _____ erupt again in the very near future."
 A. would B. may be C. could D. had better
13. "Last year I _____ this fine print in these contracts, but now I can't."
 "You'd better go to the eye doctor."
 A. could read B. must have read C. should have read D. had to read
14. "Is littering against the law?"
 "Yes. There's a law that says that you _____ throw trash on the streets."
 A. don't have to B. must not C. couldn't D. might not
15. "Do you want to go to the seashore for vacation?"
 "I think I'd rather _____ to the mountains."
 A. to go B. going C. go D. have gone
16. "Barbara just told me that she can't go to the meeting tonight."
 "She _____ go! We need her there for the financial report."
 A. has got to B. has gotten to C. have to D. must be
17. "_____ letting me use your bicycle for a little while?"
 "Not at all."
 A. Please to B. Would you mind C. Will you D. Could you please
18. "We _____ be here. That sign says NO TRASSASSING."
 "It's too late now. We're already here."
 A. couldn't B. don't have to C. might not D. aren't supposed to
19. "Harry's new jacket doesn't seem to fit him very well."
 "He _____ it on before he bought it."
 A. must have tried B. was able to try C. should have tried D. may have tried
20. "Do you like to play tennis?"
 "Yes. When I worked at the embassy, I _____ meet a friend at five every afternoon for a game."
 A. would B. should C. had better D. would rather