

# MODAL VERBS

Example: Peter C rather sleep on a mattress than on the floor.

- A. shall B. could C. would D. must

- Al painted his bedroom black. It looks dark and dreary. He \_\_\_\_\_ a different color.
  - had to choose
  - should have chosen
  - must have chosen
  - could have been choosing
- Tom is sitting at his desk. He's reading his chemistry text because he has a test tomorrow. He \_\_\_\_\_.
  - could study
  - should be studying
  - will study
  - must be studying
- When Mr. Lee was younger, he \_\_\_\_\_ work in the garden for hours, but now he has to take frequent rests because he has emphysema.
  - has got to
  - can
  - should be able to
  - could
- Whenever my parents went out in the evening, I \_\_\_\_\_ the job of taking care of my younger brother.
  - would get
  - should get
  - must have gotten
  - had better get
- Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ to a furniture store. I bought a new lamp there.
  - could go
  - went
  - could have gone
  - ought to have gone
- Tom wasn't at the party last night. He must not \_\_\_\_\_ a ride. I know he wanted to come, but he didn't have a ride.
  - be able to have gotten
  - to have been able to get
  - have been able to get
  - be able to get
- Robert has a new car. He \_\_\_\_\_ it for a very good price. He paid 30 percent less than the regular retail cost.
  - could buy
  - had to buy
  - was supposed to buy
  - was able to buy
- "Did you enjoy the picnic?"
 

"It was okay, but I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ to a movie."

  - go
  - be going
  - have gone
  - went
- "Why are you so sure that Ann didn't commit the crime she's been accused of committing?"
 

"She \_\_\_\_\_ that crime because I was with her, and we were out of town that day."

  - may not have committed
  - wasn't supposed to commit
  - committed
  - couldn't have committed
- "Since we have to be there in a hurry, we \_\_\_\_\_ take a taxi."
 

"I agree."

  - had better
  - may
  - have been used to
  - are able to
- "It \_\_\_\_\_ rain this evening. Why don't you take an umbrella?"
 

"That's a good idea. May I borrow yours?"

  - had better
  - could be
  - must
  - might
- "\_\_\_\_\_ you hand me that pair of scissors, please?"
 

"Certainly."

  - May
  - Shall
  - Will
  - Should
- Larry drove all night to get here for his sister's wedding. He \_\_\_\_\_ exhausted by the time he arrived.
  - ought to be
  - could be
  - must have been
  - will have been
- "What are you doing here now? You \_\_\_\_\_ be here for another three hours."
 

"I know. We got an early start, and it took less time than we expected. I hope you don't mind."

  - couldn't
  - might not
  - had better not
  - aren't supposed to
- "\_\_\_\_\_ taking me downtown on your way to work this morning?"
 

"Not at all."

  - Can you
  - Why don't you
  - Would you mind
  - Could you please
- "I locked myself out of my apartment. I didn't know what to do."
 

"You \_\_\_\_\_ your roommate."

  - could have called
  - may have called
  - would have called
  - must have called
- "You haven't eaten anything since yesterday afternoon. You \_\_\_\_\_ be really hungry!"
 

"I am."

  - might
  - will
  - can
  - must
- "How long have you been married?"
 

"We \_\_\_\_\_ have been married for twenty-three years on our next anniversary."

  - must
  - should
  - will
  - could
- "I \_\_\_\_\_ there at 6 P.M. for the meeting, but my car won't start. Could you please give me a lift in your car?"
 

"Sure. Are you ready to go now?"

  - will be
  - may be
  - supposed to be
  - have got to be
- "I left a cookie on the table, but now it's gone. What happened to it?"
 

"I don't know. One of the children \_\_\_\_\_ it."

  - may have eaten
  - could eat
  - had to eat
  - should have eaten