Modals Worksheet with Answers

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A. Choose the modal

Circle the correct modal verb.

1. You (must / may) stop at a red light.
2. (Could / Must) you pass the salt, please?
3. She (can / may) speak three languages.
4. It (might / must) rain this evening, so take an umbrella.
5. You (mustn't / needn't) shout in the library.
6. You (needn't / mustn't) bring lunch; food will be served.
7. (Shall / Will) I open the window?
8. When I was young, I (could / can) climb trees.
9. You (ought / should) to respect your elders.
10. (May / Must) I borrow your pen, sir?

B. What does the modal show?

Write what the modal expresses: ability, permission, advice, obligation, possibility or request.

1. I can ride a bicycle.
2. May I come in?
3. You should drink more water.
4. Students must wear the uniform.
5. He may be at home now.
6. Would you help me with this box?

C. Complete with a modal

Fill in the blank with a suitable modal: can, could, may, might, must, should or would.

1. _____ you like some tea?
2. You look tired. You _____ take some rest.
3. He has a fever, so he _____ not come to school today.
4. I _____ not find my keys anywhere yesterday.
5. Everyone _____ follow the traffic rules.

D. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the sentence correctly.

1. She can sings very well.

2. He musts leave now.

3. We should to save water.

4. Can you to help me?

Answer Key

A. Choose the modal

1. must
2. Could
3. can
4. might
5. mustn't
6. needn't
7. Shall
8. could
9. ought
10. May

B. What does the modal show?

1. ability
2. permission
3. advice
4. obligation
5. possibility
6. request

C. Complete with a modal

1. Would
2. should
3. may (or might)
4. could
5. must (or should)

D. Correct the mistakes

1. She can sing very well.
2. He must leave now.
3. We should save water.
4. Can you help me?

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