

## MODAL VERBS EXERCISES

1. Complete the following sentences using can/ could / be able to (some sentences are negative). All tenses may be used.

- '..... you stand on your head?'
- 'I ..... when I was at school but I ..... now'.
- When I pass my driving test, I ..... hire a car from our local garage.
- When I was a child I ..... understand adults, and now that I'm an adult I ..... understand children.
- He was very strong; he ..... ski all day and dance all night.
- The car plunged into the river. The driver ..... get out but the passengers were drowned.
- We ..... borrow some umbrellas; so we didn't get wet.

2. Write sentences using may or might which express the following:

- It's possible that they are leaving Paris now
- Can I be of any help to you?
- Perhaps they are waiting for us now
- There's a chance that the restaurant is open now
- If it is warm, perhaps we will go on a picnic
- It's possible that he left his car at home
- Is it possible to use your telephone?
- It is possible that he was ill yesterday

3. Fill in the blanks with the positive or negative form of may / might + infinitive or may / might + have + past participle

- They ..... (visit) their aunt next Sunday.
- I can't see my keys. I ..... (leave) them in the house.
- 'Do you know if he is coming?' 'I'm not sure. He ..... (not come) if it rains.
- John hasn't replied to my letter. That's unusual. He ..... (not receive) it.

4. Paraphrase the following sentences using : **have to, must, need, must'n, needn't.**

- I know all the test material. It's not necessary to study any more.
- It's important that you arrive on time.
- We can't tell him the truth under any circumstances.
- School rules insist on uniform at all times.
- It was necessary to warn him on several occasions.
- It isn't necessary to buy me a present.

5. Rewrite each situation with **can, can't, will be able to or won't be able to.**

- It's impossible for me to go to your house now.
- This exercise is too difficult for Tony.
- Sheila is really good at singing.
- It'll be too expensive to travel to space for our holidays in the future.
- It will be easy for me to pass the test next month.