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## Modal Verbs

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Complete the sentences with a modal verb from the box below. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

**CAN - CAN'T - CAN'T HAVE - COULD - COULD HAVE - DON'T HAVE - HAD  
BETTER - MIGHT - MUST - MUST HAVE - MUSTN'T - NEED - OUGHT -  
SHOULDN'T**

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after your long trip. Come in and have a drink.
2. John \_\_\_\_\_ taken your car keys. He hasn't even left the house.
3. I won't go out this afternoon because the weather forecast is not very good, and I \_\_\_\_\_ get wet.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for the job yet. You can do it later this week.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ left my wallet in the car. I can't find it anywhere.
6. That \_\_\_\_\_ be Jake. It's impossible. He said he was going to Spain.
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ step into the headmaster's office without permission.
8. Tell your sister she \_\_\_\_\_ stay the night here if she wants to.
9. You have already drunken a glass of wine. You \_\_\_\_\_ not drive. Let me.
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ see the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre when you go to Paris.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ to take orders from you. You're not my boss!
12. When I was younger, I \_\_\_\_\_ run very fast.
13. Your cold is getting worse and you have a runny nose. You \_\_\_\_\_ to see the doctor.
14. My husband is preparing dinner. He's not a good cook so you \_\_\_\_\_ expect anything special.
15. Don't leave your window open at night. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ climb in.
16. Brenda \_\_\_\_\_ be over thirty. She graduated a year after me and I'm only 26.
17. You \_\_\_\_\_ to come with me. I can manage on my own.
18. She \_\_\_\_\_ got lost. Otherwise she'd be here by now.
19. You must be more careful. You \_\_\_\_\_ been killed crossing the street without looking.
20. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to buy more groceries. We already had enough.

## KEY

1. You **must** be exhausted and have a drink.
2. John **can't have** taken your car keys. He hasn't even left the house.
3. I won't go out this afternoon because the weather forecast is not very good, and I **could** get wet.
4. You **don't have** to apply for the job yet. You can do it later this week.
5. I **must have** left my wallet in the car. I can't find it anywhere.
6. That **can't** be Jake. It's impossible. He said he was going to Spain.
7. You **mustn't/can't** step into the headmaster's office without permission.
8. Tell your sister she **can** stay the night here if she wants to.
9. You have already drunk a glass of wine. You **had better** not drive. Let me.
10. You **must** see the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre when you go to Paris.
11. I **don't have** to take orders from you. You're not my boss!
12. When I was younger, I **could** run very fast.
13. Your cold is getting worse and you have a runny nose. You **ought** to see the doctor.
14. My husband is preparing dinner. He's not a good cook so you **shouldn't** expect anything special.
15. Don't leave your window open at night. Someone **might/ could** climb in.
16. Brenda **can't** be over thirty. She graduated a year after me and I'm only 26.
17. You **don't have** to come with me. I can manage on my own.
18. She **must have** got lost. Otherwise she'd be here by now.
19. You must be more careful. You **could have** been killed crossing the street without looking.
20. I didn't **need** to buy more groceries. We already had enough.