

Modal verbs 1

For questions 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap.

The Phaistos Disc

The enigmatic Phaistos Disc is unique. No other written example of this language exists and it has never been translated. It has always raised controversy, with some scholars proclaiming its importance and others suggesting that it **1** *must not / might not / would not* be authentic.

When the disc was discovered in Crete in 1908 in the Palace Ruins at Phaistos, it was thought that it **2** *should / might / would* date to as far back as 1600 BC. A close examination of the 242 characters, demarcated into 61 groups, reveals that they **3** *must have been / can be / should have* stamped into the clay rather than simply being written – making what **4** *will / shall / could* be the first 'printed' document in history.

Its uniqueness seems to lend credence to the theory that it **5** *can't have come / must have come / might have come* from Crete and **6** *must have originated / should have originated / needed to originate* in a culture with a different language – otherwise there **7** *would have been / would have / must have been* other artefacts with similar markings discovered at the Phaistos site. There are other theories as to what the disc **8** *will / may / would* be. Some say that it **9** *could / can / would* be a simple fake, and there is even a fanciful theory that this disc **10** *would have come / should have come / must have come* from outer space, brought to earth by aliens at some distant time in the past.