

Modal verbs 4. Modal verbs in set phrases

Decide which modal (A, B, or C) best fits each gap.

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'I'm sure you'll get a pay rise.' 'I _____ be so lucky.'

- A could
- B would
- C should

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'The World Cup's going to start soon.' 'I really _____ care less.'

- A couldn't
- B shouldn't
- C might not

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'Susan said that she'll do the washing-up tomorrow night.' 'That _____ be the day!'

- A could
- B might
- C 'll

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'Happy birthday! Here's your present.' 'Oh, you _____ have.'

- A should
- B shouldn't
- C might

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'I've broken up with my girlfriend but I don't mind really.' 'You _____ fooled me. I've never seen you looking so miserable.'

- A could've
- B should've
- C won't have

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'You look a bit down. Are you okay?' 'Yeah, I'm fine. I _____ do with a holiday, though.'

- A should
- B could
- C might

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'Jack says he'll help with the housework this weekend.' 'I _____ bet on it.'

- A might
- B wouldn't
- C can't

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'Did you quit your job then?' 'Oh yes! You _____ seen my manager's face when I told him.'

- A might've

- B** could've
- C** should've

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'Do you enjoy commuting into work?' 'No, but needs _____.'

- A** can
- B** must
- C** will

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'Can we go to Disneyland next year?' 'We _____ see!'

- A** could
- B** might
- C** 'll

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'I bought her some flowers to say sorry.' 'I _____ think so, too! I've never heard of such rude behaviour.'

- A** should
- B** could
- C** can

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'Shall we give these things to charity?' '_____ as well. It's not like we need them anymore.'

- A** Can
- B** Could
- C** May

13

'Do I really need to get all these features. I mean, I'm not sure I'll ever use them?'

'Well, you _____ well find them useful in the future.'

- A** may
- B** 'll
- C** shall

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'What was your opinion of the film?' 'I _____ admit I thought it was pretty poor.'

- A** will
- B** must
- C** should