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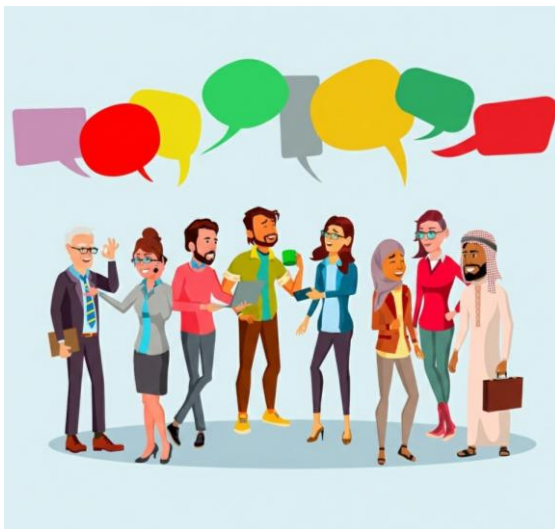
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## Section 3:- More Modals



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## Section 3: More Modals

### 3.1 Modals of Speculation (Past and Present)

Use must/might/could/can't + have + past participle for past speculation. Use must/ might/could/can't + verb for present speculation.

Example 1: He has a Ferrari, he \_\_\_ (must) be rich.

Example 2: The street is wet. It \_\_\_ (must have rained).

1. Look at that huge house! He \_\_\_ (must) be very rich. (Present)
2. The ground is wet. It \_\_\_ (must / rain) last night. (Past)
3. She is crying. She \_\_\_ (might / hear) some bad news. (Past)
4. He is not answering his phone. He \_\_\_ (could) be sleeping. (Present)
5. That \_\_\_ (can't) be Ali. He is in London right now! (Present)
6. They missed the train. They \_\_\_ (must / leave) the house late. (Past)
7. I can't find my keys. I \_\_\_ (might / drop) them in the park. (Past)
8. She got 100% on the test. She \_\_\_ (must) be very smart. (Present)
9. The window is broken. A bird \_\_\_ (could / fly) into it. (Past)
10. He speaks fluent French. He \_\_\_ (must) be from France. (Present)
11. They didn't come to the party. They \_\_\_ (might / forget) about it. (Past)
12. That restaurant is always empty. The food \_\_\_ (can't) be very good. (Present)
13. He looks exhausted. He \_\_\_ (must / work) hard all day. (Past)
14. I don't know where she is. She \_\_\_ (could) be at the library. (Present)
15. You got the highest score! You \_\_\_ (must / study) very hard. (Past)
16. It's freezing outside. You \_\_\_ (must) be cold without a jacket! (Present)
17. The cake is burned. You \_\_\_ (might / leave) it in the oven too long. (Past)
18. That answer \_\_\_ (can't) be right,  $2+2$  is 4, not 5! (Present)
19. My bike is gone! Someone \_\_\_ (must / steal) it. (Past)
20. The lights are off. They \_\_\_ (might) not be home. (Present)

### 3.2 Prohibitions, Permission and Obligation (Present)

Use must/have to (obligation), can/may/be allowed to (permission), mustn't/can't/ not allowed to (prohibition).

Example 1: You \_\_\_ (mustn't) smoke here.

Example 2: \_\_\_ (Can) I open the window?

1. You \_\_\_ (mustn't / don't have to) park your car here. It is illegal.
2. Students \_\_\_ (are allowed to / must) use dictionaries during the exam. (permission)
3. I \_\_\_ (have to / must) finish this report by 5 PM. It's a company rule.
4. \_\_\_ (May / Should) I use your phone for a minute?
5. You \_\_\_ (can't / don't have to) enter this room without permission. (prohibition)
6. We \_\_\_ (must / have to) remember to call grandma today. (internal obligation)
7. Staff \_\_\_ (are allowed to / have to) take a one-hour lunch break. (permission)
8. You \_\_\_ (mustn't / needn't) tell anyone my secret!
9. I \_\_\_ (don't have to / mustn't) work tomorrow, so I can sleep late. (no obligation)
10. \_\_\_ (Can / Must) we leave the class early today?
11. Visitors \_\_\_ (are not allowed to / needn't) take photographs inside the museum. (prohibition)
12. He \_\_\_ (has to / must) pass the driving test to get a license. (external rule)
13. You \_\_\_ (mustn't / shouldn't) touch that wire! It's dangerous.
14. \_\_\_ (May / Will) I ask a question?
15. Employees \_\_\_ (are allowed to / must) dress casually on Fridays. (permission)
16. You \_\_\_ (don't have to / mustn't) pay for the water. It is free. (no obligation)
17. We \_\_\_ (must / have to) stop eating so much fast food. (internal obligation)
18. You \_\_\_ (can't / needn't) drive a car without a license. (prohibition)
19. \_\_\_ (Can / Should) I have a glass of water?
20. You \_\_\_ (mustn't / don't have to) speak to the teacher like that.

### 3.3 Prohibitions, Permission and Obligation (Past)

Use had to (obligation), could/was allowed to (permission), couldn't/wasn't allowed to (prohibition).

Example 1: When I was a kid, I \_\_\_ (had to) wear a uniform.

Example 2: We \_\_\_ (couldn't) stay up late.

1. When I was at school, we \_\_\_ (had to / must) wear a uniform.
2. I \_\_\_ (could / was allowed to) play outside until it got dark. (permission)
3. We \_\_\_ (couldn't / didn't have to) use calculators in math exams. (prohibition)
4. Yesterday, I \_\_\_ (had to / must) work late to finish the project.
5. She \_\_\_ (wasn't allowed to / didn't have to) go to the party because she was grounded. (prohibition)
6. They \_\_\_ (didn't have to / couldn't) pay for the tickets because they won them. (no obligation)
7. When he was young, he \_\_\_ (could / had to) run very fast. (ability)
8. We \_\_\_ (had to / must) wait for three hours at the airport.
9. I \_\_\_ (was allowed to / had to) borrow my brother's car last night. (permission)
10. You \_\_\_ (couldn't / didn't have to) bring food to the cinema. (prohibition)
11. She \_\_\_ (had to / must) study hard to pass the medical exam.
12. He \_\_\_ (didn't have to / wasn't allowed to) wake up early on Sundays. (no obligation)
13. They \_\_\_ (could / were allowed to) speak three languages when they were children. (ability)
14. We \_\_\_ (had to / must) leave the building immediately when the fire alarm rang.
15. I \_\_\_ (wasn't allowed to / didn't have to) watch scary movies when I was a child. (prohibition)
16. You \_\_\_ (didn't have to / couldn't) help me, but thank you for doing it! (no obligation)
17. She \_\_\_ (could / had to) play the piano beautifully before she broke her arm. (ability)
18. We \_\_\_ (were allowed to / had to) use our notes during the open-book test. (permission)
19. He \_\_\_ (had to / must) apologize for his bad behavior.
20. I \_\_\_ (couldn't / didn't have to) go out because I was sick. (prohibition/inability)

## Answer Key - Section 3

### 3.1 Modals of Speculation (Past and Present)

1. must 2. must have rained 3. might have heard 4. could 5. can't  
6. must have left 7. might have dropped 8. must 9. could have flown 10. must  
11. might have forgotten 12. can't 13. must have worked 14. could  
15. must have studied 16. must 17. might have left 18. can't 19. must have stolen  
20. might

### 3.2 Prohibitions, Permission and Obligation (Present)

1. mustn't 2. are allowed to 3. have to 4. May 5. can't 6. must 7. are allowed to  
8. mustn't 9. don't have to 10. Can 11. are not allowed to 12. has to 13. mustn't  
14. May 15. are allowed to 16. don't have to 17. must 18. can't 19. Can  
20. mustn't

### 3.3 Prohibitions, Permission and Obligation (Past)

1. had to 2. was allowed to 3. couldn't 4. had to 5. wasn't allowed to  
6. didn't have to 7. could 8. had to 9. was allowed to 10. couldn't 11. had to  
12. didn't have to 13. could 14. had to 15. wasn't allowed to 16. didn't have to  
17. could 18. were allowed to 19. had to 20. couldn't

