

## Exercices sur les modaux en anglais

Rappel: les modaux en anglais sont:

- au présent: *can, may, must, will, shall*
- au prétérit: *could, might, must, would, should*

### Exercice 1

Choisissez entre 'can', 'can't', 'could' ou 'couldn't'. Si ce n'est pas possible, utilisez 'be able to' au temps qui convient:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you swim when you were 8?
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ get to the meeting on time yesterday, because the plane was delayed by one hour.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ arrive at the concert on time, even after missing the subway.
4. Tom is amazing, he \_\_\_\_\_ speak six languages, including Japanese.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ drive a car until I was 35. Then I moved to the USA, so I had to learn..
6. I looked everywhere for my keys but I \_\_\_\_\_ find them anywhere.
7. I searched for your apartment for ages. luckily I \_\_\_\_\_ find it in the end.
8. She's six years old, but she \_\_\_\_\_ read yet. Her parents are getting her extra lessons.
9. I saw the movie four times, but I \_\_\_\_\_ understand it.
10. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ speak Chinese when he lived in Shanghai, but he's forgotten most of it now.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ understand the page we had to read for homework. It was too difficult.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ lift this table – it's too heavy! Would you help me?
13. Linda \_\_\_\_\_ make it to our party after all. She's stuck in traffic.
14. Tony \_\_\_\_\_ play soccer really well. He's champion of his club.
15. Unfortunately, I really \_\_\_\_\_ sing at all.
16. When the taxi broke down I was really pleased because I \_\_\_\_\_ solve the problem.
17. Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ play excellent golf when he was only nine.
18. My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ use a computer until last week.
19. I \_\_\_\_\_ open this window! I think it's stuck.
20. Brad \_\_\_\_\_ play the guitar. He has never studied it.

### Exercice 2

Choisissez la bonne réponse:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you speak French? – Only a few words, but my Spanish is pretty good. (Can / Could)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you help me move this box? (Can / Could)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ read already before I was four years old. (could / should / would)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ help you, but I don't want to. (can / could / would)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you open the door, please. (Can / May)
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ move the box. It was too heavy. (couldn't / mustn't / shouldn't / wouldn't)
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ not put your feet on the table. (must not / do not have to)
8. If you continue to practise so hard, you \_\_\_\_\_ beat me before too long! (can / could / will be able to)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ you swim? (Are you able to / Can)
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ eat so much cookies. (don't have to / mustn't / shouldn't)
11. I'm afraid I \_\_\_\_\_ play basketball tomorrow. (can't / couldn't / would not be able to)
12. You can come to the concert if you want but you \_\_\_\_\_. (have to / don't have to / mustn't)
13. What do you want to do? – Well, we \_\_\_\_\_ have a barbecue, but it looks like rain. (can / could / should / would)
14. I'm so hungry I \_\_\_\_\_ eat ten hamburgers! (can / could / must / should)
15. The exam starts at 9.30. You \_\_\_\_\_ be late. (don't have to / mustn't)
16. Why didn't you tell me? I \_\_\_\_\_ you! (could help / could have helped / was able to help / would help)
17. How did you do in the test? – Ok. It worse! (could be / could have been / might be / would have been)
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ broken the window. He wasn't even at home today. (couldn't have / mustn't / shouldn't have)
19. You \_\_\_\_\_ tired. You've only just got out of bed! (don't have to be / can't be / mustn't be)
20. Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ be very pleased with herself. He got the best grades. (has to / must / cannot)

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### Correction exercise 1

1. Could
2. couldn't
3. was able to
4. can
5. couldn't
6. couldn't
7. was able to
8. can't
9. couldn't
10. could
11. —
12. can't
13. can't
14. can
15. can't
16. was able to
17. could
18. couldn't
19. can't
20. can't

### Correction exercise 2

1. can
2. could
3. could
4. could
5. can
6. couldn't
7. must not
8. will be able to
9. can
10. shouldn't
11. can't
12. don't have to
13. could
14. could
15. mustn't
16. could have helped
17. could have been
18. couldn't have
19. can't be
20. must