

# Modals and Modal Perfects

## A Match the modals or modal perfects in I with their uses in II.

- I
1. Shall I help you with that heavy bag?
  2. You should have done all the homework.
  3. She didn't answer the phone so she must have left.
  4. I need to clean my room. I promised my mum that I would.
  5. I think that they might have left.
  6. Would you sign your name here, please?
  7. It's not fair. I ought to have received a prize too.
  8. You mustn't use this computer.

- II
- ..... a. a logical conclusion about a past event
  - ..... b. formal request
  - ..... c. prohibition
  - ..... d. offer
  - ..... e. unfulfilled expectation
  - ..... f. obligation
  - ..... g. advice which was not followed
  - ..... h. a guess about something which happened

## B Choose the correct answer.

1. She (could walk / could have walked) before she was a year old.
2. The party was supposed to be a secret. You (shouldn't say / shouldn't have said) anything.
3. I'm not sure, but I (might leave / might have left) early tonight.
4. I'm not afraid to go alone. You (needn't have come / needn't come) with me.
5. It's late. You (must be / must have been) very tired.
6. You (ought to introduce / ought to have introduced) me to your friends. I didn't know anyone's name.

## C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use a modal perfect.

1. Nobody told her anything about the argument. She ..... (know) about it.
2. We arrived too early. We ..... (be) in such a hurry.
3. She ..... (leave) the office because her coat and bag aren't here.
4. I ..... (drive) to work, but the weather was so nice that I decided to walk.
5. It's possible that I ..... (forget) to tell Joe about the meeting.
6. You ..... (call) her on her birthday. She never forgets to call you.

## D Rewrite each sentence using a modal or modal perfect. There may be more than one answer.

1. It isn't necessary for them to finish the job tonight.  
They .....
2. It's possible that I took your jacket by mistake.  
I .....
3. That man knows how to speak four languages.  
That man .....
4. I didn't wear a sunhat, and now my head hurts.  
My head hurts. I .....
5. It rained last night so the grass is wet.  
It ..... . The grass is wet.
6. The man you saw wasn't Jack. He's been abroad since the summer.  
You .....

## Modals and Modal Perfects – Answers

- A**
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| 1. d | 5. h |
| 2. g | 6. b |
| 3. a | 7. e |
| 4. f | 8. c |

- B**
1. could walk
  2. shouldn't have said
  3. might leave
  4. needn't come
  5. must be
  6. ought to have introduced

- C**
1. couldn't have known
  2. needn't have been / shouldn't have been
  3. must have left
  4. could have driven
  5. might have forgotten / may have forgotten
  6. should have called / ought to have called

- D**
1. They needn't / don't have to finish the job tonight.
  2. I may / might have taken your jacket by mistake.
  3. That man can / is able to speak four languages.
  4. My head hurts. I should have / ought to have worn a sunhat.
  5. It must have rained last night. The grass is wet.
  6. You couldn't have seen Jack. (He's been abroad since the summer.)