



Modal verb QUIZ

Choose the correct answer.

1. I _____ go to the concert this Friday, I have to work overtime.

- may not
- must not
- can't
- couldn't

2. A: My family goes to the beach every summer. B: Nice. _____ you surf?

- Could
- May
- Can
- Must

3. I _____ surf now because of a knee injury I got playing rugby.

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- can't
- couldn't

4. I _____ surf when I was in high school though.

- may
- must
- can
- could

5. When I was 21 my friends and I would drive from Niagara Falls, Canada to Buffalo, New York. We _____ walk across the border with just our Ontario driver's license.

may
can
could
must

6. You _____ do that anymore. Now you need to show a passport every time you cross the border.

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couldn't

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must
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could
may

9. I love the beach. I _____ just sit on the beach and stare at the ocean for a month.

must
can
could
may

10. I lost 3.4 kilograms! Yesterday I _____ fit into my jeans from 6 years ago.

must
can
could
may

11. Maybe we should go to the beach in 2 weeks. The news said it _____ rain this weekend.

must
can
could
may

12. We _____ have gone to the beach last weekend if I wasn't working.

must
can
could
may

13. I heard that the beach may close due to water pollution, but that _____ not be true.

must
can
could
may

14. A: Is Andrew coming to the party on Saturday? B: He wants to but he _____ be able to. It depends on what his flight arrives from Singapore.

must not
can't
couldn't
might not

15. You _____ be able to work some Saturdays if you want to be hired by this company.

must
can
could
might

16. People _____ been able to get together as much since the pandemic started.

mustn't
haven't
couldn't
might not

Answers on the next page.



Answers

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