

MODAL AUXILIARIES (2)

These modal auxiliaries can be used to **make a request, give advice, make a suggestion, or offer help**:

Request	would	Would you please be quiet?
	will	Will you open that door for me, please?
	could	Could we see the rest of the flat?
	can	Can I have a pizza, please?
Advice	should	You should take reliable equipment when you go climbing.
	ought to	You ought to respect other people if you want to be respected.
	had better	You'd better join a language centre if you want to learn English well.
Suggestion	shall	Shall we eat in that new restaurant?
	could	You could try a different shampoo if your hair is too dry.
Offer	will	I'll take care of the hotel reservations.
	can	I can pick you up from the airport if your father is busy.

Practice

A. Match a sentence in A with a function in B.

?	A	B
...	1. You should go jogging more regularly.	a. request
...	2. Will you pass the salt, please?	b. offer
...	3. Shall we go on a picnic this weekend?	c. advice
...	4. I can help you with those boxes if you like.	d. suggestion

B. Rewrite the following sentences using an appropriate modal auxiliary.

- It's better for you to give up smoking.
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- I'd like you to lend me your dictionary for a moment.
❖
- What about meeting tomorrow to discuss the situation?
❖
- Let's call Jack and ask his opinion.
❖
- I'd be happy to help you with your assignment.
❖
- I need you to do some shopping for me.
❖

Self-test

C. Fill in each gap with an appropriate modal auxiliary from the list.

- You..... put so much sugar in your coffee. It's bad for your health.
a. ought to b. shouldn't c. had better
- you please turn the music down?
a. Shall b. Could c. Should
- You write more often if you want to improve your writing.
a. should b. shouldn't c. would
- we go to the stadium tomorrow?
a. Would b. Will c. Shall
- I have an orange juice and a chocolate cake, please?
a. Can b. Ought to c. Will
- you be quiet and let me concentrate?
a. Shall b. Had better c. Will

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A.

1. c. advice
2. a. request
3. d. suggestion
4. b. offer

B.

1. You'd better/should give up smoking.

2. Will/Would/Can/Could you lend me your dictionary for a moment?

3. Shall we meet tomorrow to discuss the situation?/We could meet tomorrow to discuss the situation.

4. We could call Jack and ask his opinion./Shall we call Jack and ask his opinion?

5. I'll/can help you with your assignment.

6. Will/Would/Can/Could you do some shopping for me?

C.

1. b. shouldn't

2. b. Could

3. a. should

4. c. Shall

5. a. Can

6. e. Will