

REPHRASINGS OF MODAL VERBS.

1. Rewrite the sentences using the modal verbs in brackets.

1. It's possible that Jane will visit Switzerland next year. (could)
2. I'm thinking about taking Spanish lessons. (may)
3. I'm sure they'll be home by now. (must)
4. James definitely isn't eighteen yet! (can't)
5. It's possible the weather will be sunny tomorrow. (might)
6. I'm sure that Mrs Smith didn't leave home. (can't) Mrs Smith ...
7. Perhaps she's gone to stay with her mother. (might) She ...
8. It's possible that Mr Smith committed a crime. (may) Mr Smith...
9. I'm certain that he buried something in the garden. (must) He ...
10. Perhaps he won the lottery. (could) He ...
11. I'm sure he bought a new car. (must) He ...
12. Perhaps Mr Smith murdered his wife. (might) Mr Smith...
13. I'm sure she's at home. (must). She...
14. I know that isn't Janet-She's in America. (can't). She...
15. I'm sure she thinks I'm stupid. (must). She...
16. I bet I look silly in this coat.(must). I ...
17. They're always buying new cars. I'm certain they have a lot of money. (must). They..

2. Rewrite the sentences using a modal verb.

1. It isn't necessary for you to take a jacket. You...
2. I advise you to see a dentist.You...
3. You aren't allowed to talk during the exam. You...
4. It's forbidden to park here. You...
5. I advise you to study harder. You...
6. He is obliged to go to the police station twice a week. He...
7. Tom knows how to speak Spanish. Tom...
8. He had permission to go to the party. He...
9. It isn't possible that that is our plane. That...
10. It isn't necessary to take a thick coat. You...
11. I wish I had paid for half of the meal, but I didn't. I...
12. It is possible that Jake is in his room. Jake...
13. Perhaps we will not see them at the weekend. We...
14. I don't know if I will go to the concert. I...
15. They are certain that bringing up children is not easy. Bringing up children...
16. It is unnecessary for you to come. You...
17. I advise him to give up smoking. He...
18. Eating chewing-gum in the class is prohibited. Students...
19. There was an obligation to turn off the mobile phone. We...
20. I didn't have the ability to cook when I was younger. I...

3. Perfect Modals.

1. I'm sorry that I didn't study enough. I...
2. I'm sure that he has finished the exercise. He...
3. It wasn't necessary for them to have reserved the tickets. They...
4. I think that Ridley Scott didn't direct this film. Ridley Scott...
5. You didn't write as many words as possible. You...
6. It was wrong of you to go to that party. You...
7. She was able to run faster but she didn't. She...
8. We are certain that it was a disaster. It...
9. It wasn't a good idea for the government to apply all those economic measures. The government...
10. I can't believe your boyfriend began smoking. Your boyfriend...

REPHRASINGS OF MODAL VERBS. (ANSWER)

1. Rewrite the sentences using the modal verbs in brackets.

1. Jane could visit Switzerland next year. (could)
2. I may take Spanish lessons. (may)
3. They must be home by now. (must)
4. James can't be eighteen yet! (can't)
5. The weather might be sunny tomorrow. (might)
6. Mrs Smith can't have left home. (can't)
7. She might have gone to stay with her mother. (might)
8. Mr Smith may have committed a crime. (may)
9. He must have buried something in the garden. (must)
10. He could have won the lottery. (could)
11. He must have bought a new car. (must)
12. Mr Smith might have murdered his wife. (might)
13. She must be at home. (must).
14. She can't be Janet. She's in America. (can't).
15. She must think I'm stupid. (must).
16. I must look silly in this coat. (must).
17. They're always buying new cars. They must have a lot of money. (must).

2. Rewrite the sentences using a modal verb.

1. It isn't necessary for you to take a jacket. You needn't / don't have to take a jacket.
2. I advise you to see a dentist. You should / ought to see a dentist.
3. You aren't allowed to talk during the exam. You can't / mustn't talk during the exam.
4. It's forbidden to park here. You mustn't park here.
5. I advise you to study harder. You should study harder.
6. He is obliged to go to the police station twice a week. He must / has to go to the police station twice a week.
7. Tom knows how to speak Spanish. Tom can speak Spanish.
8. He had permission to go to the party. He could / was allowed to go to the party.
9. It isn't possible that that is our plane. That can't be our plane.
10. It isn't necessary to take a thick coat. You don't have to / needn't take a thick coat.
11. I wish I had paid for half of the meal, but I didn't. I should have paid for half of the meal.
12. It is possible that Jake is in his room. Jake can / may / might be in his room.
13. Perhaps we will not see them at the weekend. We may not / might not see them at the weekend.
14. I don't know if I will go to the concert. I may / might / could go to the concert.
15. They are certain that bringing up children is not easy. Bringing up children can't be easy.
16. It is unnecessary for you to come. You needn't / don't have to come.
17. I advise him to give up smoking. He should give up smoking.
18. Eating chewing-gum in the class is prohibited. Students mustn't eat chewing-gum in the class.
19. There was an obligation to turn off the mobile phone. We had to turn off the mobile phone.
20. I didn't have the ability to cook when I was younger. I couldn't cook when I was younger.

3. Perfect Modals.

1. I'm sorry that I didn't study enough. I should have studied enough.
2. I'm sure that he has finished the exercise. He must have finished the exercise.
3. It wasn't necessary for them to have reserved the tickets. They needn't have reserved the tickets.
4. I think that Ridley Scott didn't direct this film. Ridley Scott can't have directed this film.
5. It was wrong of you to go to that party. You shouldn't have gone to that party.
6. She was able to run faster but she didn't. She could have run faster but she didn't.
7. We are certain that it was a disaster. It must have been a disaster.
8. It wasn't a good idea for the government to apply all those economic measures. The government shouldn't have applied all those economic measures.
9. I can't believe your boyfriend began smoking. Your boyfriend can't have begun smoking.