



Ex 1. Fill in the gaps with a suitable modal verb.

Husband: I've got a splitting headache.

Wife: Why (1) **can't** you go and lie down?

Husband: Yes, I think I will. (2) **Will** you bring me some aspirin?

Wife: Yes, of course I will. (3) **shall** I call the doctor?

Husband: No. (4) You **have to** wait and see how I feel later.

Wife: (5) **Would** you like a glass of water?

Husband: Yes, please. (6) **Can** you also telephone the office to say I'm ill?

Wife: Yes. (7) **Can** you tell me where to find the number?

Husband: What about looking in the address book by the phone?

Wife: (8) **Can** I say you'll be in the office this afternoon?

Husband: Yes, you (9) **can** say I'll be in about 2 hours. I should be all right by then.

Ex 2. Choose the correct option to fill in the gaps:

1. Paul..... be at home; he always works until 9 p.m.  
a) **can't**                      b) mustn't                      c) can
2. My sister ..... come back from London tonight, but I'm not sure.  
a) **may**                      b) ought to                      c) must
3. Carl ..... speak a word of English before travelling to Britain.  
a) can't    b) **wasn't able to**    c) wasn't allowed to
4. Mary ..... have forgotten our appointment. Why isn't she here?  
a) can                      b) **must**                      c) may
5. .... I use your phone, please?  
a) Must                      b) Should                      c) **May**
6. You ..... have told us about Sue's divorce. We made such insensitive comments on her husband!  
a) shouldn't                      b) **should**                      c) mustn't
7. My son has always been a clever boy; he ..... read when he was three.  
a) **could**                      b) might                      c) may
8. I'm afraid I ..... go out tonight, I ..... work late.  
a) can't/ can    b) **can't/ have to**    c) can't/ should
9. You often have headaches. I think you ..... visit a neurologist.  
a) may                      b) can                      c) **should**
10. There are some black clouds in the sky. It ..... rain this evening.  
a) must                      b) **may**                      c) ought to
11. The children ..... have finished their homework by the time we get home, but I'm not sure.  
a) aren't able to    b) have to    c) **might**
12. Most children ..... wear school uniforms in private schools.  
a) might                      b) **must**                      c) can
13. Why didn't you phone Paul? He ..... have given a lift to the airport yesterday.  
a) can                      b) ought to                      c) **could**
14. A. "Isn't that John over there?" B. "It ..... be John, he's at work now."  
a) mustn't                      b) **can't**                      c) shouldn't
15. The new student ..... be German, he doesn't speak German fluently.  
a) shouldn't                      b) mustn't                      c) **can't**
16. Someone's knocking at the door. It ..... be James; he said he' come round today.  
a) ought to                      b) **must**                      c) can't
17. You ..... buy a dictionary; there are a lot in class.  
a) may not                      b) mustn't                      c) **needn't**
18. People ..... fasten seat belts when travelling by car.  
a) **must**                      b) can                      c) should

19. Dad is taking a nap; you ..... make so much noise, children.  
a) **mustn't**                      b) might not                      c) needn't
20. We've run out of coffee. We ..... get some tomorrow.  
a) may                              b) **must**                              c) might
21. You ..... better go home now, it's getting dark.  
a) would                              b) should                              c) **had**
22. You ..... have eaten the chocolate cake, children! It was for dad's party.  
a) **can't**                              b) might not                              c) mustn't
23. A. "Why is Sue late for work?" B. "Her train ..... have been delayed due to the strike".  
a) can't                              b) ought to                              d) **might**
24. You ..... bring anything; we've bought everything for dinner.  
a) have not to                      b) may not                      c) **don't need to**
25. Pam ..... have set the alarm clock since she had the day off.  
a) mustn't                              b) can't                              c) **needn't**
26. Paul asked me to check the exercises. He thought I ..... have made a mistake.  
a) **might**                              b) can                              c) should
27. Mrs Black will get angry. I ..... have written the history essay last weekend.  
a) must                              b) **should**                              c) may
28. I ..... take a bus to school; I go there on foot every day.  
a) mustn't                              b) **needn't**                              c) shouldn't
29. A. "I like the new TV series!" B. "Are you kidding? You ..... like it; it's the worst programme on TV".  
a) needn't                              b) mustn't                              c) **can't**
30. Be careful with the knife! It's very sharp, you ..... cut your finger.  
a) should                              b) **may**                              c) need to

Ex. 3. Place the words in the correct order.

1. the party / Linda / to / come / might / tonight. (Linda might come to the party tonight)
2. round / work / have to / farmers / the year / all. (Farmers have to work all year round)
3. you / not / hospital / noise / must / make / in. (You must not make noise in hospital)
4. the light / I / switch / may / on ? (May I switch the light on?)
5. your / look / could / passport / I / at ? (Could I look at your passport?)
6. my / cook / can / quite / wife / well. (My wife can cook quite well)
7. catch / last / able to / we / were / train / the. (We were able to catch the last train)
8. not / jeans / you / must / wear / to / school. (You must not wear jeans to school)

9. didn't / you / drink / have to / much / yesterday / so. (You didn't have to drink so much yesterday)
10. ought to / bill / Robert / the electricity / pay / today. (Robert ought to pay the electricity bill today)
11. better / we / find / a / should / job. (We should better find a job)
12. too much / you / salt / and / eat / sugar / shouldn't. (You shouldn't eat too much salt and sugar)
13. do / get / to / Turkey / I / have to / a visa ? (Do I have to get a visa to Turkey?)
14. he / manners / improve / his / needs to. (He needs to improve his manners)
15. needn't / you / complain. (You needn't complain)

Ex 4. Translate sentences into English.

1. Здесь нет никакого Джека. Должно быть, вы ошиблись номером.
2. Он не слышал телефонного звонка. Он, должно быть, крепко спал.
3. Не могу найти свои очки. Должно быть, я оставил их дома.
4. Вероятно, он был там.
5. Вероятно, я допустила ошибку.
6. Не может быть, что он написал это, он не говорит по-испански.