

**SUMMARY CHART OF MODAL VERBS AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS**

AUXILIARY	USES	PRESENT / FUTURE	PAST
<b>1. MAY</b>	<p>(1) polite request</p> <p>(2) formal permission</p> <p>(3) more than 50% certainty</p> <p>(4) exclamation as a wish</p> <p>(5) after the clause with “hope”, “trust”</p> <p>(6) adverb clauses of concession with “but”</p> <p>(7) adverb clauses of purpose</p>	<p>- May I borrow your pen?</p> <p>- You may leave the room.</p> <p>- Where is John?</p> <p>He may be at the library.</p> <p>- May all your dreams come true!</p> <p>- I trust (hope) that you may find this plan to your satisfaction.</p> <p>- He may be poor, but he is honest. (Though he is poor...)</p> <p>- She was studying so that she might read English books.</p>	<p><b><u>1. Could/ May/ Might + perfect: có thể là</u></b></p> <p>Dùng để chỉ một tiên đoán trong quá khứ nhưng không có cơ sở. Những động từ khiêm khuyết này đều mang nghĩa hiện tại.</p> <p>Eg: - It <u>may have rained</u> last night, but I am not sure.</p> <p>- The cause of death <u>could have been</u> bacteria.</p> <p>- John <u>might have gone</u> to the movies yesterday.</p>
<b>2. MIGHT</b>	<p>(1) less than 50%</p> <p>(2) polite request (rare)</p> <p>(3) petulant reproach</p> <p>(4) exclamation as a wish</p> <p>(5) after the clause with “hope”, “trust”</p> <p>(6) adverb clauses of concession with “but”</p> <p>(7) adverb clauses of purpose</p>	<p>- Where is John?</p> <p>He might be at the library.</p> <p>- Might I borrow your pen?</p> <p>- You might listen when I am talking to you. (Làm ơn ráng mà lắng nghe tôi nói)</p>	

<b>3. COULD</b>	(1)Past ability (2)polite request (3)suggestion  (4)less than 50 % certainty (5)impossibility (negative only)	- Could I borrow your pen? - Could you help me? -I need help in math. You could talk to your teacher. Where is John? He could be at home. That couldn't be true.	
<b>4. CAN</b>	(1)ability/ possibility (2)informal permission (colloquial speech) (3)informal polite request (4) impossibility (negative only) (5) = Continuous Tense when using with verbs of perception	- I can run fast. - You can use my car tomorrow.  - Can I borrow your pen? - That can't be true. Listen! I think I can hear the sound of the sea. (không dùng I am hearing)	<b>1. Must have and can't have</b> Diễn đạt một ý kiến của mình theo suy luận logic.(về 1 hành động trong quá khứ) <i>I must have left my wallet in the car.</i> ( I am sure I did ) <i>Jim can't have noticed you.</i> ( I am sure he didn't )  <b>2. Must + Perfect:</b> Dùng để nói về một tiên đoán xảy ra trong quá khứ nhưng dựa trên những cơ sở rõ ràng Eg: - I have lost one of my gloves. I must have dropped it somewhere. - My watch says only ten past six. It must have stopped.
<b>5. MUST</b>	(1)strong necessity (from speaker) -> needn't (negative)  (2)prohibition(negative) (3)95 % certainty-> can't (negative)	- I must go to class today. - Must I do it now? - No, you needn't. Tomorrow will be soon enough. - You must not open that door. Mary isn't in class. She must be sick. ( present only) If he said that, he can't be telling the truth.	
<b>6. HAVE TO</b>	(1)necessity ( from external circumstances) (2)lack of necessity ( negative)	- I have to go to class today. - I don't have to go to class today.	<b>Had to</b> <b>Must</b> không có dạng quá khứ, nên chúng ta dùng <b>had to</b> để thay thế. <i>Sorry I'm late, I had to take the children to school.</i> Dạng nghi vấn là <b>Did you have to?</b> <i>Did you have to work late yesterday?</i>
<b>7. HAVE GOT TO</b>	(1)necessity	I have got to go to class today.	
<b>8. SHOULD = OUGHT TO</b>	(1) advisability (2) 90% certainty	- I should study tonight. - She should do well on the test.	<b>Should have and ought to have</b> Diễn đạt cảm giác của người

9. OUGHT TO	(1) advisability (2) 90 % certainty	( future only, not present) - I ought to study tonight. - She ought to do well on the test. ( future only, not present)	nói khi đã nhớ phạm phải 1 sai lầm nào đó trong quá khứ. <i>I should have posted this letter yesterday.</i> ( I didn't do the right thing ) <i>You shouldn't have told me the answer.</i> ( you were wrong to do so )
10. SHALL	(1) polite question to make a suggestion (2) future with “I” or “we” as subject (3) threat  (4) determination (speaker) (5) promise	- Shall I open the door?  - I shall arrive at 9.00 (will: more common) - He shall suffer for this; he shall pay you what he owes you. - These people want to buy my house, but they shan't have it. - If you work hard, you shall have a holiday on Saturday.	
11. WILL	(1) 100% certainty  (2) willingness (3) polite request (4) determination (subject)  (5) promise	- He will be here at 6.00(future only) - The phone is ringing. I'll get it. - Will you please pass the salt? - (a) George shall go out without his overcoat. (b) George will go out without his overcoat.	<b>Will have V(p2):</b> diễn tả một cái gì đó sẽ được hoàn thành vào một thời gian nào đó trong tương lai. - By 2015, I will have left my school.
12. BE GOING TO	(1)100% certainty (2)definite plan	- He is going to be here at 6.00. (future only) - I am going to paint my bedroom. (future only)	<b>Past plans</b> I was going to paint my bedroom, but now I don't have time.
13. BE ABLE TO	(1) ability (succeeded in doing)	I am able to help you. I will be able to help you.	<b>were/ was able to</b> the achievement of st difficult in the past <i>When I was young, I could run very fast.</i> <i>Luckily, Mary was able to help us.</i>
14. WOULD	(1)polite request	- Would you please pass	

	<p>(2)preference</p> <p>(3)repeated action in the past = used to</p>	<p>the salt?</p> <p>- Would you mind if I left early?</p> <p>I would rather go to the park than stay at home.</p> <p>- Every day he would get up at six o'clock and light the fire.</p>	<p><b><u>Would rather + Perfect:</u></b></p> <p>Ước muốn đã không xảy ra trong quá khứ</p> <p>Eg: - The film at the cinema was boring. I would rather have stayed home to watch TV.</p> <p>- He studied French at school; only because his parents wanted him. He would rather have studied English.</p> <p><i>Một sự dự đoán về một sự việc mang tính chất giả thiết trong quá khứ</i></p> <p>- Life in the Middle Ages was harsh and cruel. You would have hated it a lot.</p>
15. USED TO	(1)repeated action in the past	I used to talk to him via mobile phone at night.	I used to visit my grandparents every weekend.
16. HAD BETTER	(1)advisability with threat of bad result	You had better be on time, or we will leave without you.	(past form uncommon)
17. BE SUPPOSED TO	(1)expectation	Class is supposed to begin at 10.	Class was supposed to begin at 10.
18. BE TO	(1)strong expectation	You are to be here at 9.00	<p><b>Was/Were to have</b></p> <p>Diễn đạt một hành động mà đáng lẽ nó đã phải xảy ra nhưng cuối cùng thì lại không xảy ra.</p> <p><i>He was to have left yesterday.</i> ( he was supposed to leave, but he didn't)</p>
19. NEED	(1)necessity (negative & interrogative)	You needn't go yet, need you?	<p><b>Needn't have and didn't need to</b></p> <p>Có 1 sự khác biệt nhỏ giữa 2 cách dùng này. Hãy so sánh nhé:</p> <p><i>I needn't have arrived at seven.</i> - Tôi đáng nhẽ không cần phải tới lúc 7h, nhưng tôi đã làm.</p> <p>( I arrived at seven, but it wasn't necessary )</p>

			<p><i>I didn't need to arrive at seven. - Trước đó tôi đã biết mình không phải tới lúc 7h. ( we don't know when I arrived - maybe seven or later )</i></p> <p>Nhưng thông thường trong văn nói, người ta thường dùng <b>didn't need to</b> trong cả 2 trường hợp.</p> <p>In speech, <b>have</b> is often contracted in the forms in this unit.</p>
<b>20. DARE</b>	<p>(1) <b>bravery to do st</b></p> <p>(2) <b>I daresay (proverb)= perhaps, it is probable</b></p>	<p>You daren't climb that tree, dare you?</p> <p>He is not here yet, but I daresay he will come later.</p>	

### MODAL VERBS

#### I. Fill in the gaps with should/shouldn't

- If it's rainy you \_\_\_\_\_ take an umbrella.
- Tom \_\_\_\_\_ eat so many lollipops. It's bad for his teeth.
- a) \_\_\_\_\_ I drink hot tea if I have a sore throat?  
b) Yes, you \_\_\_\_\_.
- They have a test tomorrow. They \_\_\_\_\_ go to the cinema . They \_\_\_\_\_ stay at home and study!
- Children \_\_\_\_\_ eat lots of vegetables but they \_\_\_\_\_ eat lots of sweets.
- I have a party tonight. What \_\_\_\_\_ I wear? A dress or a pair of trousers?
- The doctor said: " \_ You \_\_\_\_\_ eat healthy food. You \_\_\_\_\_ eat fast food. You \_\_\_\_\_ watch so much TV. You \_\_\_\_\_ walk 1 hour a day. You \_\_\_\_\_ drink fruit juice and water. You \_\_\_\_\_ drink wine or beer".
- You \_\_\_\_\_ be so selfish.
- I don't think you \_\_\_\_\_ smoke so much.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ exercise more.
- I think you \_\_\_\_\_ try to speak to her.
- You are overweight. You \_\_\_\_\_ go on a diet.
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ we park our car?
- You \_\_\_\_\_ never speak to your mother like this.
- The kids \_\_\_\_\_ spend so much time in front of the TV.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I tell her the truth or should I say nothing?
- I think we \_\_\_\_\_ reserve our holiday in advance.
- Listen to that music! Our neighbors \_\_\_\_\_ play music that loud at this hour.
- If your tooth is still hurting you tomorrow, you \_\_\_\_\_ go to the dentist's.
- Cathy \_\_\_\_\_ keep ringing her ex-boyfriend. I think he is with another girl now.

21. Before going to Madrid for your holidays, you \_\_\_\_\_ try and learn something of the language. You will enjoy things a lot more.
22. You \_\_\_\_\_ always knock on the door before entering. This is a private office.
23. We \_\_\_\_\_ bring something to Kate's party. I'll feel really embarrassed otherwise.
24. That model on the TV is too skinny. She \_\_\_\_\_ eat more, I think!
25. Lizzie \_\_\_\_\_ ask Bryan to help her with her studies. He did the same course last year.
26. Pregnant women \_\_\_\_\_ smoke as it can damage the baby.
27. We \_\_\_\_\_ leave too late tomorrow if we want to reach the beach before lunch.

## **II. Put in 'can', 'can't', 'could' or 'couldn't'.**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ you swim when you were 10?.
- 2) We \_\_\_\_\_ get to the meeting on time yesterday, because the train was delayed by one hour..
- 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ arrive at the party on time, even after missing the train, so he was very pleased..
- 4) He's amazing, he \_\_\_\_\_ speak five languages, including Chinese..
- 5) I \_\_\_\_\_ drive a car until I was 34. Then I moved to the countryside, so I had to learn...
- 6) I looked everywhere for my glasses but I \_\_\_\_\_ find them anywhere..
- 7) I searched for your house for ages. luckily I \_\_\_\_\_ find it in the end..
- 8) She's seven years old, but she \_\_\_\_\_ read yet. Her parents are getting her extra lessons..
- 9) I read the book three times, but I \_\_\_\_\_ understand it..
- 10) James \_\_\_\_\_ speak Japanese when he lived in Japan, but he's forgotten most of it now..
- 11) I \_\_\_\_\_ understand the chapter we had to read for homework. It was so difficult..
- 12) I \_\_\_\_\_ lift this box - it's too heavy! Would you help me?.
- 13) Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ make it to our meeting after all. She's stuck in traffic..
- 14) John \_\_\_\_\_ play tennis really well. He's champion of his club..
- 15) Unfortunately, I really \_\_\_\_\_ sing at all. No-one in my family is musical either...
- 16) When the car broke down I was really pleased because I \_\_\_\_\_ solve the problem..
- 17) Julian \_\_\_\_\_ play excellent golf when he was only ten..
- 18) My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ use a computer until last month. Since then she's been taking lessons at the library..
- 19) I \_\_\_\_\_ open this window! I think it's stuck..
- 20) Gill \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano. She has never studied it..

## **III. Must and Have to**

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ forget to pay the rent tomorrow. The landlord is very strict about paying on time.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ be so rude! Why don't you try saying "please" once in a while.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ go to work tomorrow because it is Memorial Day. The best thing about a day off from work is that I \_\_\_\_\_ get up at 6:00; I can sleep in till noon if I want to.

3. Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ cram all day for my French final. I didn't get to sleep until after midnight.
4. I've redone this math problem at least twenty times, but my answer is wrong according to the answer key. The answer in the book \_\_\_\_\_ be wrong!

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

1. Are you going swimming? \_\_\_\_ I come with you, please?  
 .....  
 A.Should            B.Can                    C.Must                    D.Will  
 .....
2. I'm not going to pay five pounds for a coffee. You \_\_\_\_ be joking!  
 .....  
 A .can                B .might                C .must                D .should  
 .....
3. This is a hospital. People are resting, so you \_\_\_\_\_ be quiet.  
 .....  
 A .will                B .ought                C .should                D .can  
 .....
4. It \_\_\_\_\_ rain, so take an umbrella.  
 .....  
 A .might                B .must                C .should                D .can  
 .....
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I have a quick word with you? Something important has happened.  
 .....  
 A .Must                B .Could                C .Would                D .Should  
 .....
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke here. It's a no-smoking area.  
 .....  
 A .couldn't            B .wouldn't            C .mightn't            D .mustn't  
 .....
7. You \_\_\_\_ come and visit us when you are next in London.  
 .....  
 A .could                B .might                C .would                D .must  
 .....
8. I'm sure you \_\_\_\_\_ love this film. It's brilliant.  
 .....  
 A .could                B .can                    C .might                D .would  
 .....
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ imagine why she married him. He's so stupid!  
 .....  
 A .can't                B .mightn't            C .mustn't            D .shouldn't  
 .....
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ you do in my situation? I need your advice.  
 .....  
 A .would                B .must                C .could                D .should  
 .....
11. This is the most important thing - you \_\_\_\_\_ forget to take the food out of the oven at seven o'clock.  
 .....  
 A .wouldn't            B .can't                C .mustn't            D .couldn't  
 .....
12. They left London at three o'clock so they \_\_\_\_\_ be here by now.  
 .....  
 A .could                B .should                C .would  
 .....
13. \_\_\_\_\_ I have more cheese on my sandwich?  
 a) Must                b) Could                c) Would                d) Have to

14. You \_\_\_\_\_ eat more vegetables.  
a) should                      b) might                      c) may                      d) could
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ like to buy the same television for my house.  
a) could                      b) must                      c) would                      d) have to
16. \_\_\_\_\_ I have a coffee please?  
a) Must                      b) Have to                      c) May                      d) Would
17. You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke near children.  
a) have to                      b) may                      c) shouldn't                      d) couldn't
18. The passengers \_\_\_\_\_ wear their seatbelts at all times.  
a) could                      b) must                      c) can                      d) may
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ go to the concert if the rain stops. We don't know for sure.  
a) mustn't                      b) might                      c) have to                      c) wouldn't
20. I \_\_\_\_\_ ice skate very well.  
a) can                      b) may                      c) must                      d) should
21. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ wake up earlier than 7:30 am. They have class at 8:00 am.  
a) would                      b) can't                      c) could                      d) have to
22. The rock band \_\_\_\_\_ play very well last year. Now they are much better.  
a) must                      b) couldn't                      c) can                      c) should

**\*Multiple Choice**

1. You've been working non-stop for ten hours. You \_\_\_\_\_ be really tired.  
A. should                      B. must                      C. would rather                      D. ought to
2. The fortune teller predicted that \_\_\_\_\_ inherit a big fortune before the end of this year.  
A. will                      B. she will                      C. would                      D. she would
3. I'm feeling very tired this morning. I \_\_\_\_\_ have stayed up late last night.  
A. couldn't                      B. shouldn't                      C. mustn't                      D. to stopping
4. You'd better \_\_\_\_\_ working so hard.  
A. stop                      B. to stop                      C. stopped                      D. to stopping
5. He helped her, but it was not necessary. He needn't \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
A. help                      B. to help                      C. be helping                      D. have helped
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ you like to play a game of tennis?" "I'd love to."  
A. Could                      B. Will                      C. Do                      D. Would
7. His letter is full of mistakes. He \_\_\_\_\_ the mistakes carefully before sending it.  
A. must have checked                      B. should have checked  
C. could have checked                      D. can have checked
8. "I bought two bottles of milk." "You \_\_\_\_\_ have bought milk; we have heaps of it in the house."  
A. couldn't                      B. needn't                      C. mustn't                      D. hadn't
9. "I left my bike here and now it's gone." "Someone \_\_\_\_\_ borrowed it."  
A. must have                      B. should have                      C. couldn't have                      D. needn't have
10. "Do you remember reading about it in the newspaper?" "No, I \_\_\_\_\_ abroad at the time."  
A. must have been                      B. must be                      C. should be                      D. should have been

11. "The door was open." "It \_\_\_\_\_ been open. I had looked it myself and the key was in my pocket."  
 A. mustn't have B. must have C. can't have D. shouldn't have
12. The man was found unconscious at the foot of the cliff. He \_\_\_\_\_ have fallen 200 meters.  
 A. needn't B. must C. should D. mustn't
13. "I heard their phone ringing." "You \_\_\_\_\_ phone ringing. They don't have a phone."  
 A. couldn't B. shouldn't C. mustn't D. needn't
14. when I've passed my driving test, I \_\_\_\_\_ hire a car from our local garage.  
 A. will have B. would be able to C. can be able to D. will be able to
15. When the fog lifts, we \_\_\_\_\_ where we are.  
 A. could see B. will be able to see C. must have seen D. are seeing
16. You \_\_\_\_\_ ring the bell; I have a key.  
 A. may not B. needn't C. mustn't D. couldn't
17. You \_\_\_\_\_ drink this; it's poison..  
 A. must B. needn't C. mustn't D. shouldn't
18. Nobody knows how people first came to these islands. They \_\_\_\_\_ have sailed from South America on drafts.  
 A. might B. must C. should D. had
19. She felt ill and \_\_\_\_\_ leave early.  
 A. has to B. must C. had to D. ought
20. I want this letter typed, but you \_\_\_\_\_ do it today. Tomorrow you will do.  
 A. must B. needn't C. couldn't D. mustn't
21. "Did you hear me come in last night?" "No, I \_\_\_\_\_ asleep."  
 A. must be B. must have been C. should be D. should have been
22. When I first went to England, I \_\_\_\_\_ English, but I \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
 A. can read / can't speak B. can read / couldn't speak  
 C. could read / couldn't speak D. could read / can't speak
23. The car plunged into the river. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ out but the passengers were drowned.  
 A. is able to get B. could get C. was able to get D. can get
25. If you had to, \_\_\_\_\_ you go without food and drink?  
 A. can B. could C. must D. will
26. I got lost and \_\_\_\_\_ ask a policeman the way.  
 A. have to B. must have to C. had to D. would
27. We \_\_\_\_\_ reheat the pie. We can eat it cold.  
 A. needn't B. must C. mustn't D. should have
28. we \_\_\_\_\_ forget to shut the lift gates.  
 A. should B. must C. mustn't D. needn't
29. The swimmer was very tired, but he \_\_\_\_\_ the shore before he collapsed.  
 A. was able to reach B. can reach C. could reach D. has reached
30. If a letter comes for me, \_\_\_\_\_ you please forward it to this address>  
 A. shall B. could C. must D. should
31. The shops here don't deliver. We \_\_\_\_\_ carry everything home ourselves.  
 A. might B. must C. have to D. used

32. If you go to a dentist with a private practice, you \_\_\_\_\_ pay him quite a lot of money.  
A. have to      B. must have      C. ought      D. need
33. You \_\_\_\_\_ talk to other candidates during the exam.  
A. shan't      B. mustn't      C. needn't      D. hadn't better
34. You had better \_\_\_\_\_ your child so much money. It may spoil him.  
A. not give      B. not to give      C. to not give      D. don't give
35. You can phone me, but I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ it to me by email.  
A. to send      B. send      C. sent      D. should send

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