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Grammar Exercise – Model Verbs

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with “would”, “could”, “should” or “might”.

Helen: If you won the eight million dollar lottery, what **would** you do?

Fred: I **could** afford to travel around the world.

Helen: That sounds good. Where **would** you like to go then?

Fred: Um... I **might** go to London first, and then Paris... anyway, all around the world.

Perhaps I **would** go to Africa and help the children.

Helen: To be honest, how often do you buy lottery tickets?

Fred: Almost every week. I guess if I want to win the lottery, I **should** try buying some more tickets.

Helen: Sure. That **would** help.

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with “must”, “can” or “should”.

1. We **must** not try any drugs.
2. He **should/must** leave now to catch his bus.
3. We **should** drink eight glasses of water every day.
4. We **must** look around careful before crossing the road.
5. Victor **can** speak Cantonese, English and Putonghua.
6. She **must** pass the test or she will be held back.
7. You **can/should/must** be here by 10:00 a.m.
8. **Can** I have some water?
9. You **can** take it if you want.
10. You **should** return the book to the library by tomorrow.

Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks with “shall”, “will”, “should” or “would”.

1. He knew he would be late.
2. She decided that she should study music.
3. Nobody should enter the restricted area without a permit.
4. He would help me if he could.
5. The lift will break down very soon.
6. He asked if she would be there the next day.
7. “Shall/Will I ever see them again?” he wondered.
8. “When will I know the result of the test?” she asked.
9. “When will you be in Hong Kong the next time?”
10. People who live in glass house should not throw stones.
11. He should send in accurate income tax returns.
12. Shall we go and see a film?
13. I will never forget you.
14. We will/shall overcome the problem.
15. I should/will never give up.
16. You should start eating better.
17. You should be at work before 9:00.

Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with “can”, “may”, “could” or “might”.

1. John can/could/would be quite amusing.
2. The doctor fears that she may not live much longer.
3. If you invited him, he might come.
4. He said he might hire a car for the picnic.
5. I can't sing now, but I could when I was young.
6. May I leave it with you?
7. He may come or he may not.
8. I can see you easily from here.
9. What can the police do with me; I've done nothing wrong.
10. There is nothing to do, so I may/can as well go to bed.
11. This news is so strange that you may not believe it.
12. The teacher said we might go to the shops for sweets.
13. You can hardly blame him for doing that.
14. I'm listening hard so I can hear it.

Exercise 5

Fill in the blanks with “**must**”, “**mustn’t**”, “**may**” or “**may not**”.

1. You **mustn’t** drink poison because it is dangerous.
2. We **must** keep quiet in the library.
3. You **mustn’t** spit onto the ground.
4. Handle this parcel with care because it **may** easily be broken.
5. You **must** work hard for your own future.
6. I **may** be a nurse when I grow up.
7. You **mustn’t** smoke here because smoking is prohibited.
8. I **may not** go to the concert tonight because I have a headache now.
9. **May** I have a piece of chocolate cake, please?
10. There is no electricity in this small town. People **must** use coal.