

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) **POSSIBILITY**

Jane **could visit Switzerland next year.**

2. I'm thinking about taking Spanish lessons. (may) **POSSIBILITY**

I **may take Spanish lessons.**

3. I'm sure they'll be home by now. (must) **CERTAINTY**

They must be home by now.

4. James definitely isn't eighteen yet! (can't) **IMPOSSIBILITY**

James can't be eighteen yet!

5. It's possible the weather will be sunny tomorrow. (might) **POSSIBILITY**

The weather might be sunny tomorrow.

6. I'm sure that Mrs Smith didn't leave home. (can't) **IMPOSSIBILITY IN THE PAST**

Mrs Smith **can't have left home.**

7. Perhaps she's gone to stay with her mother. (might) **POSSIBILITY IN THE PAST**

She **might have gone to stay with her mother.**

8. It's possible that Mr Smith committed a crime. (may) **POSSIBILITY IN THE PAST**

Mr Smith **may have committed a crime.**

9. I'm certain that he buried something in the garden. (must) **CERTAINTY PAST**

He **must have buried something in the garden.**

10. Perhaps he won the lottery. (could) **POSSIBILITY IN THE PAST**

He **might / may have won the .**

11. I'm sure he bought a new car. (must) **CERTAINTY IN THE PAST**

He **must have bought a new car.**

12. Perhaps Mr Smith murdered his wife. (might) **POSSIBILITY IN THE PAST**

Mr Smith **might have murdered his wife.**

13. I'm sure she's at home. (must). **CERTAINTY**

She **must be at home.**

14. I know that isn't Janet-She's in America. (can't). **IMPOSSIBILITY**

She **can't be Janet because she is in America.**

15. I'm sure she thinks I'm stupid. (must). **CERTAINTY**

She **must think I'm stupid.**

16. I bet I look silly in this coat. (must). **CERTAINTY**

I **must look silly in this coat.**

17. They're always buying new cars. I'm certain they have a lot of money. (must). **CERTAINTY**

They **must have a lot of money because they are always buying new cars.**

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 / don't need 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 **mustn't / can't talk during the exam.**

4. It's forbidden to park here.

You **mustn't / can't park here.**

5. I advise you to study harder.

You **should /ought to / study harder.**

6. He is obliged to go to the police station twice a week.

He **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 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 **needn't / don't need to / don't have to / take a thick coat.**

11. I wish I had paid for half of the meal, but I didn't.

I **should / ought to / have paid for half of the meal.**

12. It is possible that Jake is in his room.

Jake **may / might / could be in his room.**

13. Perhaps we will not see them at the weekend.

We **may / might / could not see them at the weekend.**

14. I don't know if I will go to the concert.

I **may / might / could not 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 need to / 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 / can'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 / wasn't able to / cook when I was younger.**

3 .PERFECT MODALS REPHRASING EXERCISES

1. I'm sorry that I didn't study enough.

I **should have studied more. (crítica de algo que se debería haber hecho).**

2. I'm sure that he has finished the exercise.

He **must have finished the exercise.** (certeza de que algo ocurrió en el pasado)

2. It wasn't necessary for them to have reserved the tickets.

They **needn't have reserved the tickets.** (una acción que ocurrió pero no era necesaria.)

3. I think that Ridley Scott didn't direct this film.

Ridley Scott **can't have directed this film.**

4. You didn't write as many words as possible.

You **could have written more words.** (Algo era posible pero no ocurrió)

5. It was wrong of you to go to that party.

You **shouldn't have gone to that party.** (crítica de algo que no debería haber sucedido)

6. She was able to run faster but she didn't.

She **could have run faster.** (Algo era posible pero no ocurrió)

7. We are certain that it was a disaster.

It **must have been a disaster.** (certeza de que algo ocurrió en el pasado)

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.** (crítica de algo que no debería haber ocurrido)

9. I can't believe your boyfriend began smoking.

Your boyfriend **shouldn't have begun smoking.** (crítica de algo que no debería haber ocurrido)

Your boyfriend **can't have begun smoking!!!** (Incredulidad de que algo haya ocurrido)