

Ejercicios de verbos modales en inglés (can, must, should)

Nivel: A2, B1

Cómo funcionan los verbos modales

Los verbos modales (can, could, may, might, must, should, will, would) añaden matices como habilidad, permiso, obligación o probabilidad a otro verbo — y siguen reglas gramaticales especiales.

Forma: modal + verbo base: She can swim (nunca 'to swim' ni 'swims')

Sin -s / sin do: He must go (no 'musts'); las negaciones y las preguntas no llevan 'do': Can you...? You shouldn't...

Habilidad: can / could: I can drive. She could read at age four.

Obligación: must / have to: You must wear a seatbelt. | Prohibición: mustn't

Consejo: should / shouldn't: You should see a doctor.

Posibilidad: may / might / could: It might rain later.

Ejercicio 1: Elige el modal correcto

Selecciona el verbo modal que mejor encaja en cada situación.

- You ___ smoke in the hospital — it's strictly forbidden.
a) mustn't b) don't have to c) shouldn't
- I ___ ride a bike when I was five years old.
a) can b) could c) must
- You look exhausted. You ___ take a day off.
a) should b) must not c) may
- It's a holiday tomorrow, so I ___ get up early.
a) mustn't b) can't c) don't have to
- Take an umbrella — it ___ rain this afternoon.
a) must b) might c) should
- You've been working non-stop since 7 a.m. — you ___ be exhausted!
a) must b) might not c) can't

Ejercicio 2: Completa el hueco

Escribe el verbo modal que falta (can, can't, must, mustn't, should, shouldn't, might...).

- ___ you help me carry these boxes, please? (petición cortés)
- In most countries, drivers ___ wear a seatbelt — it's the law. (obligación)
- You ___ eat so much sugar — it's bad for your teeth. (consejo en negativo)

10. I'm not sure where Anna is. She ___ be at the gym. (posibilidad)
11. Sorry, I ___ come to the party on Saturday — I'm working. (imposibilidad)
12. Visitors ___ bring food or drinks into the museum. (prohibición)

Ejercicio 3: Ordena las palabras

Haz clic en las palabras en el orden correcto para construir la oración.

13. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **swim / she / can / very well**

14. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **I / your pen / may / borrow / ?**

15. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **be / you / late / shouldn't / for class**

16. Ordena las palabras en el orden correcto: **must / a visa / travelers / get / before the trip**

Ejercicio 4: Verdadero o falso

Decide si cada afirmación sobre los verbos modales es verdadera o falsa.

17. "She cans speak Italian" is correct English. Verdadero / Falso
18. 'Mustn't' and 'don't have to' mean the same thing. Verdadero / Falso
19. After a modal verb, we use the base form of the verb without 'to'. Verdadero / Falso
20. 'Might' expresses a smaller probability than 'will'. Verdadero / Falso

Soluciones

Ejercicio 1: Elige el modal correcto

1. a) mustn't
2. b) could
3. a) should
4. c) don't have to
5. b) might
6. a) must

Ejercicio 2: Completa el hueco

7. can / could / will / would
8. must / have to
9. shouldn't / should not
10. might / may / could
11. can't / cannot
12. mustn't / must not / can't / cannot

Ejercicio 3: Ordena las palabras

13. she can swim very well
14. may I borrow your pen ?
15. you shouldn't be late for class
16. travelers must get a visa before the trip

Ejercicio 4: Verdadero o falso

17. Falso
18. Falso
19. Verdadero
20. Verdadero