

## Answer Sheet: Modals

Choose the correct answer.

**Q1 - You should know better**

- The speaker is giving a negative opinion of the other person's behaviour now  
 The speaker is giving a negative opinion of the other person's behaviour in the past

**Q2 - I shan't tell her**

- The person has already decided not to tell her  
 The person is making a promise

**Q3 - You must do it**

- The speaker is not the source of authority  
 The speaker is the source of authority

**Q4 - May I come in?**

- The speaker is asking for permission to come in  
 The speaker is asking about their ability to come in

**Q5 - 'Is that the doorbell?' 'That'll be Jim.'**

- The speaker is not sure if it's Jim because she hasn't seen him  
 The speaker is fairly sure it is Jim because he always arrives at the same time

**Q6 - You'd better hurry**

- This is an order  
 This is a strong suggestion

**Q7 - If I hadn't broken my wrist, I'd be playing in the volleyball finals**

- The finals have already been played
- The finals haven't been played yet

**Q8 - I ought to leave**

- OUGHT TO means the same as SHOULD
- OUGHT TO is stronger than SHOULD

**Q9 - I ought to tell him**

- OUGHT TO is not as strong as HAD BETTER
- OUGHT TO is stronger than HAD BETTER

**Q10 - You needn't have done all that inputting alone**

- The person did the inputting alone
- The person isn't going to do the inputting alone now

**Q11 - He can't speak Dutch**

- The person is not allowed to speak Dutch
- The person is not able to speak Dutch

**Q12 - He might be there when you get there**

- There is a possibility that the person will be there
- The person definitely will be there

**Q13 - Surely, she can't have finished already!**

- The speaker is surprised and finds it hard to believe
- The speaker is stating an absolute fact

**Q14 - You needn't have bothered filling in all those forms**

- The person filled in the forms
- The person didn't fill the forms in

**Q15 - You oughtn't to have spoken to them like that**

- The speaker is referring to the present moment
- The speaker is referring to the past

**Q16 - I didn't dare go inside**

- The person lacked the courage to go in
- The person wasn't allowed to go in

**Q17 - We couldn't swim yesterday**

- The speaker wants to tell us that he and his friends did not know how to swim
- The speaker wants to tell us that something stopped them from swimming

**Q18 - You ought to try to phone her on her birthday**

- 'Ought to' is stronger than 'should'
- 'Ought to' is as strong as 'should'

**Q19 - You might have been killed!**

- The speaker is probably angry with the person
- The speaker is pleased that the person was in danger

**Q20 - I should be home by around nine so I'll see you then**

- The speaker has a fairly good idea of the time he'll be home, but is not 100% sure
- The speaker is under a moral obligation to get home by nine o'clock

**Q21 - You could hurt yourself**

- The speaker is giving permission to the other person
- The speaker is warning the other person of a danger

**Q22 - You have to get everything ready before the end of the day**

- The speaker is not the source of authority**
- The speaker is the source of authority**