

Modals

Part A

Fill in the blanks with the modals in the box.

able to ought to should not will not must would

1. Students ought to read the instructions very carefully before attempting the questions.
2. The audience must arrive on time for the show as all latecomers will not be allowed to enter the concert hall.
3. Would you please fill in your name and student number on the form?
4. The citizens should not vote causally without knowing the vision and mission of the candidates.
5. Vivian is able to design beautiful clothes.

Part B

Write sentences based on the given functions in the brackets. Use appropriate modals.

(Suggested answers)

1. Jane : I write well and I love reading a lot. What job can I do in the future?
Ms Wong : You could become a writer in the future. (Suggestion)
2. Ivan : I heard that you're going to organise a Halloween party next week.
Miranda : Would you like to come to the party? (Invitation)
3. Eric : Why hasn't the bus arrived yet?
Yvonne : There may be a car accident on the road. (Possibility)
4. Eaton : I have a job interview at 4 pm tomorrow. When do I have to arrive at the company?
Jill : You should arrive at the company 15 minutes in advance. (Advice)
5. Ben : I failed the Science test.
Candy : You ought to pay more attention in class. (Obligation)

Part C

Alicia has joined the Conservancy Club. She is writing an article for the newsletter to promote environmental protection. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals. (Suggested answers)



How to Live a Greener Life?

If we 1. would like to live a greener life, we 2. can start from saving water and energy at home. We 3. should also reduce the production of waste. To save the water used at home, we 4. should not run the tap while brushing our teeth or washing our face. The water used for cooking 5. can be reused for watering the plants. We 6. can / should use the right amount of water for washing clothes and cooking. We 7. must / should fix leaks and drips immediately as dripping taps 8. can waste up to 70 litres of water a day.

To save energy, we 9. might / may switch to compact fluorescent bulbs. We 10. must / should turn off lights and electrical appliances when they are not in use. Moreover, we 11. might / may use a microwave instead of an oven which 12. can use up to 60% more power. At all times, we 13. should use energy-efficient appliances. Saving energy 14. can help save money as well.

Reducing waste is another way to save resources and energy. We 15. can / may / might bring our own shopping bag so that fewer shopping bags 16. will be used. We 17. should avoid using disposable items like paper cups, plastic utensils and wooden chopsticks as well.

We 18. must take the action right now to live a greener life!