

WORD MEANINGS

Flushed : excited or elated

Animated : full of interest and energy

incandescent : very bright

intently : with great interest and attention.

consciousness : the state of awareness

inkling : an idea or a feeling about something likely to happen.

humbug : nonsense

sleight - of - hand : skillfully deceptive

conjurer : magician

scarcely : barely, hardly

ivory : hard white substance made of the tusks of elephant.

mantel : a shelf above a fireplace

sconces : objects attached to the wall used to hold candles.

crystalline : having the structure of a crystal

saddle : ~~leather~~ leather seat for a rider

interminable : endless

eddy : circular movement of air, dust or water.

stupor : state of shock or near unconsciousness

earnest : sincere and serious in intention

plausible : reasonable

vividly : clearly

I did not like the school my parents chose for my sister. They should have sent her to my school, where I could have kept a watch on her and made sure she behaved properly. Instead she was sent to what my mother calls a 'progressive school'. This meant my sister thought she knew more about everything than I did and ~~per~~stored me about stuff I don't care about - especially English grammar stuff. A few days ago, she asked me, "Do you know about question

tags?" I almost choked on my milk, which is not difficult to do because I hate milk.

Anyway, before I could say anything, she went on, "Question tags are little questions that are added to a sentence. Like a tail.

For example -" Here she assumed the airs of a grammar teacher, "You make a funny face when you drink milk, don't you? Or I am very intelligent, aren't I?" Now, these little questions, 'don't you' and 'aren't I' are called -" Question tags," I said

quickly. That's your friend calling you to play, isn't it?" "You have given a good example."

She said, "But your voice should come down, not go up. Only when you ask a real question should your voice should go up at the end.

For example — "I have finished my milk, didn't you?" I said, swallowing the last

horrible bit. "I have gone out, may they?

I cannot hear you, aren't I?" I thought

going crazy with those stupid question tags

would stop my sister. Later in the evening my

Modals 2

1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals from the brackets.
- Rita ~~must~~ must (should / must) put her clothes out to dry before it starts raining again.
 - You have been sick since yesterday. You ought to (could / ought to) consult a doctor.
 - Sameera doesn't have to (doesn't have to / must not) come to the amusement park if she is scared of roller coasters.
 - Priya might (might / should) prefer talking to a close friend about her first day at the new school.
 - In our school, we have to (could / have to) wear white sneakers as a part of our uniform every Wednesday.
 - The exams are going to start in a week. We need to (might / need to) start revising the difficult chapters.
 - Nethra was told that she must not (might not / must not) play football until the sprain in her leg is completely healed.
2. Identify the intended meaning of the modals in the given sentences. Write N for necessity, O for obligation, C for compulsion and S for suggestion.

- a) You must finish the work before the deadline. C
- b) You need to drink a cup of coffee to stay N awake.
- c) children as well as adults have to eat leafy vegetables to stay ~~well~~ healthy. N
- d) You ought to be in ~~your~~ touch with your old classmates. S
- e) The doctor should enquire about the patient's allergies before prescribing a medicine. C
- f) The visitors must update their personal details in the visitor's register. O
- g) Nevil should reschedule his meetings to meet his cousin in the morning. S
3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals that express past possibilities - Use the verbs given in brackets.
- a) ~~one~~ Gokul shouldn't have joined us for the film if he already knew the climax.
- b) She could have asked _____ for my stapler rather than using it without my permission.
- c) Mr Pereira should have spent (spend) more time with his friends if he knew that they were leaving for France soon.
- d) The teacher could have explained the concept again if you had asked her.
- e) The volunteers should not have stopped the audience

- from using their mobile phones.
- f) Shalini should have avoid eating ice cream when she was sick.
 - g) You could have forgotten to submit the application, else you would have received a notification from the office.
 - 4) Ahona: Hi, Shreya! I heard you stayed up all night preparing for an interview today. You ought not to compromise on your sleep.

Shreya: yes I understand. Thankful I answered all the questions correctly. Although I shouldn't have stayed up all night, I am glad the interview went well.

Ahona: That's amazing! I am so happy for you! You should start preparing yourself mentally for the job. It is very different from school and college.

Shreya: That's true. I am very nervous.

Ahona: you must not go in with a negative attitude! I am sure you will enjoy it.

Shreya: I guess you are right: I have to complete some formalities tomorrow. The company has specified that I must carry my original documents.

Ahona: you needn't submit your original documents. A photocopy of the same will be enough. you ~~need to~~ ^{must} be very careful with your original documents.

Shreya: Is that so? I ~~would~~ need to communicate this to the organisation before I join.

Ahona: Yes, please do. All the best, and I hope we meet soon.

Shreya: Thank you! yes, we would meet for coffee sometime this week.

5. b) Don't worry. We have plenty of time before the train reaches the station.

Ans- You need not to worry. We have plenty of time before the train reaches the station.

c) Perhaps the organiser was waiting to surprise the guests.

Ans- Perhaps the organiser ~~was waiting~~ should be waiting to surprise the guests.

d) The principal informed all the teachers to report at the venue on time.

Ans- The principal should have informed all the teachers to report at the venue on time.

e) Take a walk in the park and get a breath of fresh air to reduce your headache.

Ans- You could take a walk in the park and get a breath of fresh air to reduce your headache.

f) You have sensitive skin, so please consider taking Ayurvedic medicines.

Ans- You have sensitive skin, so you should consider taking Ayurvedic medicines.

g) The weather is unpleasant. Avoid venturing outside without an umbrella.

Ans- The weather is unpleasant. You must not go outside without an umbrella.

6. Write a sentence using modals in response to each of these instructions.

a) Prohibit a child from littering the road.

Ans- You ~~should~~ ^{must} ~~not~~ ^{avoid} ~~the~~ ^{the} children from ~~littering~~ ^{littering} the road.

b) Suggest a good restaurant to your friend who is new to the city.

Ans- You ~~should~~ tell your friend a good restaurant who is new to the city.

c) Suggest your dance trainer to extend the practice.

Ans- You could suggest your dance trainer to extend the ^{practice}.

d) ~~Do~~ convey the absence of necessity to attend a family function.

Ans- You must give the reason for the necessity to attend a family function.

e) Convey the necessity of consulting a doctor to a sick friend.

Ans- You should give the reason for the necessity of ~~the~~ consulting a doctor.

f) Make a strong suggestion regarding the unhealthy eating habits of your sister.

Ans- You must stop the unhealthy eating habits of your sister.

g) Convey to your friends their obligation of participating in the cultural event of the school.

Ans- You should suggest your friends, for participating in the cultural event of the school.

2) Underline the incorrect modal verbs and rewrite the following sentences correctly.

a) Must we start revising what we learnt yesterday?
Ans. Shall we start ~~to~~ revising what we learnt yesterday?

b) you might not drive home so late at night; it isn't safe.
Ans. You should not drive home so late at night; it isn't safe.

c) Janice should have pay more attention in the mathematics lectures.
Ans. Janice could have paid more attention in the mathematics lectures.

d) Shall you wake up so early in the morning and disturb everyone?
Ans. shouldn't you wake up so early in the morning and disturb everyone?

e) shall all the students perform extremely well in their board examinations.
Ans. must all the students perform extremely well in their board examinations.

f) If you are feeling very tired; you would dip your legs in warm water to relax.
Ans. If you are feeling very tired, you could dip your legs in warm water to relax.

g) Ramesh would have taken the opportunity of studying abroad when he had the chance.

Ans. Ramesh should have taken the opportunity of studying abroad when he had the chance.

h) my classmates informed me that they had plenty of help with the event, so I must not come.

Ans. My classmates informed me that they had plenty of help with the event, so I would not come.