

6. At the end of our stay we asked the receptionist to give us a “wake-up” call and to order a taxi to take us to the railway station. In the morning we paid our bill, thanked the staff and continued our journey.

Grammar

Modal Verbs *Must, Can, Could, May, Might* to Express Probability

1. Ряд английских модальных глаголов передают значение вероятности какого-либо явления, события или действия. Так, для того чтобы сказать, что завтра, возможно, будет тепло и солнечно, можно использовать следующие варианты:

It must be warm and sunny tomorrow.

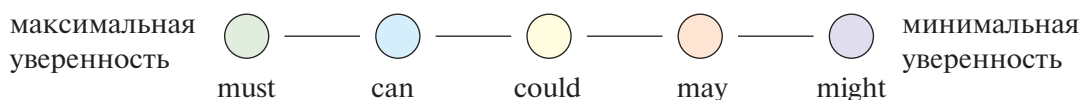
It can be warm and sunny tomorrow.

It could be warm and sunny tomorrow.

It may be warm and sunny tomorrow.

It might be warm and sunny tomorrow.

2. По степени уверенности в том, что предполагаемое свершится, данные глаголы можно сравнить между собой примерно следующим образом:



Сравните:

Your flight must be pleasant. (Полёт наверняка будет приятным.)

Your flight can be pleasant. (Полёт, вероятнее всего, будет приятным.)

Your flight could be pleasant. (Полёт, вероятно, будет приятным.)

Your flight may be pleasant. (Полёт, возможно, окажется приятным.)

Your flight might be pleasant. (Есть некоторая доля вероятности, что полёт окажется приятным.)

3. Глагол *must* отличается от всех остальных тем, что, как правило, передаёт значение вероятности лишь в сочетании с глаголом *to be*:

She must be in London now.

6 Speak about yourself and a possible round-the-world tour you can have once. Use the modal verbs you consider to be appropriate.

can, could, may, might

- I think I ... go travelling around the world some day.
- I ... go on my round-the-world tour by sea or by air.
- I ... visit a number of interesting places during my travels.
- I ... go travelling with my friends.
- We ... stay in good hotels or in guest houses.
- My friends and I ... spend some time looking for souvenirs.
- But most of the time we ... spend sightseeing.
- We ... take lots of pictures.
- At a certain moment I ... begin missing home.
- I ... consider myself really lucky to be able to see the world.



7 Complete these dialogues and act them out.

- 1) **A:** ...
B: Single or return?
A: ...
B: A day return to Manchester will cost you £40.

A: ...

B: There's a train at 3 p.m. and another one at 6.45 p.m.

A:

B: The 3 o'clock train will be in Manchester at 5.30 p.m. and the 6.45 train arrives at 8 p.m. exactly.

A: ...

B: No, it's a through train.

A: ...

B: Yes, we accept Visa Cards.

A: ...

B: You're welcome.

2) **A:** ...

B: Certainly. We usually have some vacant rooms on weekdays. But we're quite busy at weekends.

A: ...

B: Tuesday to Friday? Very well. A double room for three nights will cost you 150 pounds.

A: ...

B: Sorry, I thought you wanted a double room. Singles are a little more expensive, 210 pounds for three nights.

A: ...

B: Yes, it does. The service is included, but breakfast is not.

A: ...

B: All our rooms are fitted with showers and some of them have baths. Would you like a bath in your room?

A: ...

B: You can use hotel facilities free. We have a small swimming pool, a workout gym and a colour TV in every room.

A: ...

B: I can give you a room overlooking the park or one overlooking the lake.

A: ...

B: No, you can pay when you check out. Here's your key. The room is on the 2nd floor.

A: ...

DO IT ON YOUR OWN

8 Use the appropriate modal verbs instead of the underlined parts of the following sentences.

1) He is nearly sure to be at home now. He is almost always at home in the evening.

2) The film is very likely to have a happy ending. 3) The next week is not very likely to be hot.

4) There's some little chance that the train will be delayed. 5) I have practically no doubt that they'll enjoy their voyage. 6) It looks like they'll make their first stop in Great Britain.

7) I can't be one hundred percent sure that our party will turn out to be a success. 8) There's some possibility that we'll go by business class instead of economy class.

9 Complete the text with the words from the box.

views, business, guidebooks, comfortable, accommodation, busy, staff, fitness, dining

If you are looking for a place to stay in a big city, turn to (1) ... for advice. It's wise to book (2) ... before you come, especially at (3) ... times like the summer. You can contact the places mentioned in the guidebooks yourself.