Modal verbs

Introduction

- **Level:** C1
- **Skills:** Writing
- **Topics:** Grammar (Modal verbs)
- **Merging subjects:** problem-solving, mathematical calculation

The enigma

- **Keywords**

The participants are given a text containing some types of modal verbs. They have the task to choose the correct answers and calculate the total of their answers. The code is the multiplication of 7 (How many dwarfs are there in the Snow White's story?) by 9 (How many months does normally a human pregnancy last?), namely 63. If they do not obtain this number as a result, there might be one / more wrong answers.

- **Toolbox**

Notebooks, pens, a device to read the projected grammar exercise

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- **Description of the enigma**

Your polling station

First you **(1) are supposed to / have to** find out where your polling station is. If you don't know this information, go to your local town hall. They **(2) will be able / are able** to inform you of where you **(3) need / must** to go to vote.

On the way

When you arrive at the polling station, staff will give you a ballot paper listing the candidates you **(4) have to / can** vote for. You **(5) may / shall** be given more than one ballot paper if there are several elections taking place on the same day.

In the polling booth

Take your ballot paper into the closed booth so nobody **(6) can / must** see how you vote. Mark your ballot paper according to the instructions – you **(7) will / may** use a blue or black pen, but you **(8) couldn't / mustn't** use a pencil. You **(9) needn't / ought not to** take a pen with you as you will find one in the polling booth.

Into the ballot box

Then you **(10) must / shall** fold your paper in half, show it to the election official and drop it into the ballot box.

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Scores

1. are supposed to	4
have to	6
2. will be able	3
are able	7
3. need	8
must	2
4. have to	5
can	5
5. may	9
shall	1
6. can	3
must	7
7. will	1
may	9
8. couldn't	7
mustn't	3
9. needn't	9
ought not to	1
10. must	8
shall	2

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Solution

1.	have to
2.	will be able
3.	need
4.	can
5.	may
6.	can
7.	may
8.	mustn't
9.	needn't
10.	must

More information

Possible restrictions It might be difficult for students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

References

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