Modal verbs (Βοηθητικά ρήματα)

Tα βοηθητικά ρήματα χρησιμοποιούνται πριν από τα κύρια ρήματα για να επιτελέσουν διάφορες λειτουργίες. Αυτά είναι :

* will (θα) Δίνει μελλοντική σημασία στο κύριο ρήμα.

Ι will go out tonight. Θα βγω απόψε (I’ll go)

Ι will not go (won’t go) out tonight. Δε θα βγω απόψε.

Will you go out tonight? Θα βγεις απόψε;

* would like to (θα ήθελα) (‘d like)

I would like to have a drink Θα ήθελα να έχω ένα ποτό

Would you like to go out together? Θα ήθελες να βγούμε μαζί;

I wouldn’t like to go out tonight. Δε θα ήθελα να βγω απόψε

Mε το would μιλάμε επίσης για κάτι που θα κάναμε σε μια υποθετική κατάσταση

I wouldn’t do this if I were you. Δε θα το έκανα αυτό αν ήμουν στη θέση σου

* should (θα έπρεπε). Εκφράζει συμβουλή

I should read more Θα έπρεπε να διαβάζω περισσότερο

I shouldn’t smoke Δε θα έπρεπε να καπνίζω

Should I go on? Πρέπει να συνεχίσω;

* can (μπορώ) Εκφράζει ικανότητα.

He can drive a car. Αυτός μπορεί να οδηγεί αμάξι.

He can’t drive a car. Αυτός δεν μπορεί να οδηγεί αμάξι

Can you drive a car? Μπορείς να οδηγείς αμάξι;

Can I go out, please? (ζητάμε την άδεια) Μπορώ να βγω έξω, παρακαλώ;

* could (μπορούσα) Εκφράζει ικανότητα στο παρελθόν.

When I was young, I could run very fast. Όταν ήμουν νέος, μπορούσα να τρέχω πολύ γρήγορα

Could you please open the window? Θα μπορούσες να ανοίξεις το παράθυρο, παρακαλώ;

I couldn’t run fast when I was young. Δεν μπορούσα να τρέχω γρήγορα όταν ήμουν νέος.

* must (πρέπει) Εκφράζει υποχρέωση επειδή κάτι είναι κανόνας

You must finish on time Πρέπει να τελειώσεις στην ώρα σου.

You mustn’t arrive late. Δεν πρέπει να φτάνεις αργά.

Must I arrive at 7.00? Πρέπει να φτάσω στις 7;

* have to (πρέπει) Εκφράζει υποχρέωση

I have to get up early tomorrow Πρέπει να ξυπνήσω νωρίς αύριο

I don’t have to get up early tomorrow Δεν χρειάζεται να ξυπνήσω νωρίς αύριο

Do you have to get up early tomorrow? Πρέπει να ξυπνήσεις νωρίς αύριο;

* may, might (ίσως)

It may / might rain today.’ Ισως να βρέξει σήμερα

May I ask you a question? Μπορώ να σας κάνω μία ερώτηση; (ζητάμε την άδεια)

**Oliver:** Amy! Hi! What are you doing here?  
**Amy:** It's my new Saturday job. Hi, Alfie.  
**Oliver:** Really?  
**Alfie:**Hi.  
**Amy:** Yes. I want to study veterinary science at university and my parents suggested I should get some experience of working with animals.  
**Oliver:** And do you like it?  
**Amy:**It's my first day ... Anyway. What can I do for you?  
**Oliver:**Well, I've got some money and I've decided I'd quite like a pet. Daisy and Mum like the idea, but Mum says I mustn't get a spider, a scorpion or a snake.  
**Amy:** That's understandable.   
**Alfie:** Let's see the dogs. Oh yeah! Look at these, mate! Puppies! What's that white one?  
**Amy:**That's a Dalmatian.  
**Alfie:**But they've got black spots, haven't they?  
**Amy:**Not when they're puppies, no. You have to wait until they're bigger. Then the spots appear.  
**Alfie:**Ah, I never knew that. Dalmatians are quite big, aren't they?  
**Amy:** Yes, they are. You should really have a garden.  
**Oliver:** Well, we've got one ...  
**Amy:** And you have to take them out for a walk twice a day. Well, you don't have to go twice, but you must go at least once. Every day. Rain, snow, sun ... every day. And you mustn't forget to take two or three small plastic bags when you go out.  
**Oliver:** Plastic bags?  
**Amy:** Well, when your dog … you shouldn't leave it on the street. You should always clean it up and put it in the bin.  
**Oliver:**Hmm.  And a smaller dog? Should I get one of these?  
**Amy:** They're Yorkshire terriers. They're very small ...  
**Alfie:**... and noisy! You'd better get something a bit quieter, Ollie. Think of your neighbours!  
**Oliver:** How about that one?  
**Amy:**As an adult, Old English Sheepdogs are extremely large – like that one. And you've got to look after their hair regularly. You should brush them as often as possible, and get their hair cut.  
**Oliver:**Hmm. What about a cat?  
**Alfie:**We used to have a cat. She was a bit unfriendly. She used to scratch the sofa – and our legs – and she stole food if you left it for a moment. You've got to be careful with a cat – some are nice, but some are ... well ...  
**Oliver:** Oh, ff. A turtle? They're small and quiet and they don't have hair ...  
**Amy:**They grow. And then you have to buy a bigger tank. You'd better buy a thermostat and a

filter if you want a turtle. And you mustn't forget to change the water; they don't smell great ...  
**Oliver:** What about a hamster?...

**Sophie:**Well, I'll think about it. I'd better go – I mustn't miss the helicopter! Is Oliver there?  
**Daisy:**No, he's out buying that pet ... ah no, here he is. Ollie, it's Mum.  
**Oliver:** Hi, Mum!  
**Sophie:**Did you get anything?  
**Oliver:**Yes I did! And his name's Hannibal.

1. What does Amy want to study at university?
2. Who wants to buy a pet?
3. What should you do when you buy a Dalmatian dog?
4. What other animal can you get for a pet, apart from a dog or a cat?
5. Have you got a pet?

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. you / help / me / can?
2. fly / a helicopter / can’t / Mary.
3. stay / at school / class / after / students / shouldn’t
4. steal / any / I / never / would / money
5. work / until / you / do / today / have / late / to ?

Fill in with the correct modal verb.

1. When I finish school, I …………………….. study at university.
2. ………………… you give me some advice about what to do?
3. Young children ……………………. sleep about 10 hours a day.
4. …………………… you close the door, please?
5. I ……………………. tell you the answers to the test, but I ……………………….. It’s not fair.
6. You …………………………… eat so many sweets. They are bad for your health.
7. ………………….. you speak English? Yes, I …………………
8. ………………….. you give me a lift to the train station, please? Yes, sure
9. If I work hard, I …………………… pass the test.
10. My parents ……………………….. come over tomorrow, but they are not sure yet.