

## MODAL VERBS: REPHRASINGS

### 1. Rewrite the sentences using the modal verb in brackets.

- a) It's possible that Jane will visit Switzerland next year.  
(could)
- b) I'm thinking about taking Spanish lessons. (may)
- c) I'm sure they will be home by now. (must)
- d) James definitely isn't eighteen yet! (can't)
- e) It's possible the weather will be sunny tomorrow.  
(might)
- f) I'm sure that Mrs Smith didn't leave home. (can't)
- g) Perhaps she's gone to stay with her mother. (might)
- h) It's possible that Mr Smith committed a crime. (may)
- i) I'm certain that he buried something in the garden.  
(must)
- j) Perhaps he won the lottery. (could)
- k) I'm sure he bought a new car. (must)
- l) Perhaps Mr Smith murdered his wife. (might)
- m) I know that isn't Janet – she's in America. (can't)
- n) I'm sure she thinks I'm stupid. (must)

**2. Rewrite the sentences using a perfect modal.**

a) I'm sorry that I didn't study enough.

I...

b) I'm sure that he has finished the exercise.

He...

c) It wasn't necessary for them to have reserved the tickets.

They...

d) I think that Ridley Scott didn't direct this film.

Ridley Scott...

e) You didn't write as many words as possible.

You...

f) It was wrong of you to go to that party.

You...

g) She was able to run faster but she didn't.

She...

h) We are certain that it was a disaster.

It...

i) It wasn't a good idea for the government to apply all those economic measures.

The government...

j) I can't believe your boyfriend began smoking.

Your boyfriend...