

REPHRASING SENTENCES WITH MODAL VERBS.

1. Rewrite the sentences using the modal verbs in brackets.

- 1 It's possible that Jane will visit Switzerland next year. (could)
Jane ...
- 2 I'm thinking about taking Spanish lessons. (may)
I ...
- 3 I'm sure they'll be home by now. (must)
They ...
- 4 James definitely isn't eighteen yet! (can't)
James ...
- 5 It's possible the weather will be sunny tomorrow. (might)
The weather ...
- 6 I'm sure that Mrs Smith didn't leave home. (can't)
Mrs Smith ...
- 7 Perhaps she's gone to stay with her mother. (might)
She ...
- 8 It's possible that Mr Smith committed a crime. (may)
Mr Smith ...
- 9 I'm certain that he buried something in the garden. (must)
He ...
- 10 Perhaps he won the lottery. (could)
He ...
- 11 I'm sure he bought a new car. (must)
He ...
- 12 Perhaps Mr Smith murdered his wife. (might)
Mr Smith ...
- 13 I'm sure she's at home. (must).
She...
- 14 I know that isn't Janet-She's in America. (can't).
She...
- 15 I'm sure she thinks I'm stupid. (must).
She...
- 16 I bet I look silly in this coat. (must).
I ...
- 17 They're always buying new cars. I'm certain they have a lot of money. (must).
They..

2. Rewrite the sentences using a modal verb.

- 1 It isn't necessary for you to take a jacket.
You...
- 2 I advise you to see a dentist.
You...
- 3 You aren't allowed to talk during the exam.
You...
- 4 It's forbidden to park here.
You...
- 5 I advise you to study harder.
You...
- 6 He is obliged to go to the police station twice a week.
He...

- 7 Tom knows how to speak Spanish.
Tom...
- 8 He had permission to go to the party.
He...
- 9 It isn't possible that that is our plane.
That...
- 10 It isn't necessary to take a thick coat.
You...
- 11 I wish I had paid for half of the meal, but I didn't.
I...
- 12 It is possible that Jake is in his room.
Jake...
- 13 Perhaps we will not see them at the weekend.
We...
- 14 I don't know if I will go to the concert.
I...
- 15 They are certain that bringing up children is not easy.
Bringing up children...
- 16 It is unnecessary for you to come.
You...
- 17 I advise him to give up smoking.
He...
- 18 Eating chewing-gum in the class is prohibited.
Students...
- 19 There was an obligation to turn off the mobile phone.
We...
- 20 I didn't have the ability to cook when I was younger.
I...

3. Perfect Modals Rephrasing Exercises

- 1 I'm sorry that I didn't study enough.
I...
- 2 I'm sure that he has finished the exercise.
He...
- 3 It wasn't necessary for them to have reserved the tickets.
They...
- 4 I think that Ridley Scott didn't direct this film.
Ridley Scott...
- 5 You didn't write as many words as possible.
You...
- 6 It was wrong of you to go to that party.
You...
- 7 She was able to run faster but she didn't.
She...
- 8 We are certain that it was a disaster.
It...
- 9 It wasn't a good idea for the government to apply all those economic measures.
The government...
- 10 I can't believe your boyfriend began smoking.
Your boyfriend...