MODAL VERBS EXERCISES

01. Put in 'can', 'can't', 'could' or 'couldn't'. If none of these is possible use 'be able to' in the correct tense.
A) ______ you swim when you were 10?
B) We ______ get to the meeting on time yesterday, because the train was delayed by one hour.
C) He ______ arrive at the party on time, even after missing the train, so he was very pleased.
D) He's amazing, he _____ speak five languages, including Chinese.
E) I ______ drive a car until I was 34. Then I moved to the countryside, so I had to learn.
F) I looked everywhere for my glasses but I ______ find them anywhere.
G) I searched for your house for ages. luckily I ______ find it in the end.
H) She's seven years old, but she _____ read yet. Her parents are getting her extra lessons.
I) I read the book three times, but I ______________ understand it.
J) James _____ speak Japanese when he lived in Japan, but he's forgotten most of it now.
K) I ______________ understand the chapter we had to read for homework. It was so difficult.
L) I ______________ lift this box - it's too heavy! Would you help me?
M) Lucy _____________ make it to our meeting after all. She's stuck in traffic.
N) John _____________ play tennis really well. He's champion of his club.
O) Unfortunately, I really ________________ sing at all. No-one in my family is musical either.

P) When the car broke down I was really pleased because I __________ solve the problem.

Q) Julian ____________ play excellent golf when he was only ten.

R) My grandmother __________ use a computer until last month. Since then she's been taking lessons at the library.

S) I ______ open this window! I think it's stuck.

T) Gill ______ play the piano. She has never studied it.

02. **Fill in the blanks using MUST, MUSTN'T, DON'T HAVE TO, SHOULD, SHOULDN'T, MIGHT, CAN, CAN'T**!

A) Rose and Ted ________________ be good players. They have won hundreds of cups!

B) You ________________ pay to use the library. It's free.

C) I'm not sure where my wife is at the moment. She ________________ be at her dance class.

D) Jerry ________________ be working today. He never works on Sundays.

E) You ________________ be 18 to see that film.

F) You ________________ hear this story. It's very funny.

G) Dad ________________ go and see a doctor. His cough is getting worse all the time.

H) You don't have to shout. I ________________ hear you very well.

I) It ________________ be him. I saw him a week ago, and he didn't look like that.

J) You look pretty tired. I think you ________________ go to bed early tonight.

K) Let me look. I ________________ be able to help you.
L) “Children, you _________________ cross the street if the lights are red!”
M) You _________________ sit so near the TV. It’s bad for your eyes.
N) I’m sorry but I _________________ give you a lift because my car is broken.
O) I _________________ stop and talk to you now. I have to get to the library.
P) You really _________________ go to the Louvre if you’re in Paris. It’s wonderful.
Q) You _________________ come to the party if you don’t feel well.
R) I don’t know where Kelly is. She _________________ be at her sister’s.
S) You have passed all your tests. You _________________ be very pleased with yourself.
T) You _________________ smoke in your car, especially if there are children sitting in the back.
U) You _________________ work this evening. I can do the tasks for you.
V) John doesn’t need a calculator. He _________________ do sums in his head.
W) Passengers _________________ open the door when the train is moving.
Y) It _________________ rain today. It’s getting cloudy already.
Z) I _________________ pay for the tickets because I got them from Sam for free.

03. Fill in the blanks with: CAN, CAN’T, COULD, COULDN’T, MUST or MUSTN’T
A) She is a small baby. She ______________ eat meat, but she ______________ drink milk.
B) He is so ill that he ______________ see the doctor.
C) It’s raining heavily. You ______________ take your own umbrella.
D) We ______________ pick the flowers in the park. It’s forbidden.
E) I ______________ sing now but I ______________ sing very well when I was a child.
F) Mike is only nine months old. He ______________ eat nuts yet.
G) He is very fat. He ______________ run so fast.
H) You are speaking very quickly. I ______________ understand you.
I) I’m very tall, so I ______________ play basketball.
J) You ______________ park that car there. It’s a no-parking zone.
K) Many students in Great Britain ______________ wear a uniform when they go to school.
L) George has travelled a lot. He ______________ speak 4 languages.
M) I ______________ come with you now because I’m studying for my test.
N) Footballers ______________ touch the ball with their hands.
O) ______________ I use your phone?
P) I’m sorry I ______________ come yesterday. I had to work late.
Q) You ______________ speed through the city. It’s dangerous!
R) My hands are dirty. I ______________ wash them.
S) You have been coughing a lot recently. You ______________ smoke so much.
T) I’m very tired today. I ______________ clean my room now, but I’ll do it tomorrow.
U) I _____________ eat lasagne when I was a child, but I like it today.
V) We _____________ go to the bank today. We haven’t got any money left.
W) It’s late. I _____________ go now.
Y) You _____________ sleep in that room. It’s full of boxes and other stuff.
Z) I _____________ swim very far these days, but ten years ago, I _____________ swim over to the other side of the lake.
A1) You have a bad headache, so you _____________ go to bed earlier.
B1) I am so strong I _____________ do 50 push-ups at any time.
C1) I _____________ feed the baby now, so can you do it for me?
D1) Tourists _____________ take their passports when they go abroad.
E1) _____________ you please pass me the salt. – Thank you.