

Complete the Sentences with Modal Verbs

1. In some sentences, there are multiple modal verbs which could be used. In the right hand column of the table below, write down all of the modal verbs which could fit each sentence. Cover the word list to provide an extra challenge!

can

might

will

should

would

can't

may

must

shouldn't

couldn't

a) Pasha _____ do her homework.	
b) He was so tired he _____ keep his eyes open.	
c) Tom is a great footballer. He _____ even play in goal!	
d) If she keeps trying hard, she _____ just have a chance.	
e) He is still learning. He _____ do his shoe laces up just yet.	
f) You _____ hurt people or steal things.	
g) When you have finished, you _____ leave the table.	
h) It has been ordered, so when they get there, they _____ find it waiting for them.	
i) The bitter cold makes it certain there _____ be icy roads tomorrow.	
j) I _____ happily swap places with a millionaire.	

Answers

a) Pasha _____ do her homework.	<i>can, may, might, will, must</i>
b) He was so tired he _____ keep his eyes open.	<i>couldn't, wouldn't</i>
c) Tom is a great footballer. He _____ even play in goal	<i>can, may, might, will, would, must, should</i>
d) If she keeps trying hard, she _____ just have a chance.	<i>may, might, will, must, should</i>
e) He is still learning. He _____ do his shoe laces up just yet.	<i>can't</i>
f) You _____ hurt people or steal things.	<i>will, can't, shouldn't</i>
g) When you have finished, you _____ leave the table.	<i>may, can, must, might, should, can't, shouldn't</i>
h) It has been ordered, so when they get there, they _____ find it waiting for them.	<i>may, might, will, must, should</i>
i) The bitter cold makes it certain there _____ be icy roads tomorrow.	<i>may, might, will</i>
j) I _____ happily swap places with a millionaire.	<i>would, wouldn't, might, will,</i>