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1. She _____ French and Japanese.
a) does can speak
b) can speaks
c) is can speak
d) can speak

 2. When I was young my father _____ me a story every evening before I went to sleep.
a) will told
b) would told
c) would tell
d) can tell

 3. I _____ the exam. I only answered two of the ten questions.
a) can't be passed
b) couldn't have pass
c) can't have pass
d) none of the above

 4. Excuse me sir. You _____ smoke here. It's against the rules. Didn't you see the sign?
a) couldn't
b) can't
c) can
d) must

 5. After quite a few attempts, he finally _____ smoking last year.
a) managed to give up
b) could give up
c) managed to giving up
d) none of the above

 6. He knows he _____ on a diet but he's just got no will power.
a) should ought to go
b) ought should go
c) ought to go
d) oughts go

ANSWERS:

1. She _____ French and Japanese.

- a) You only need two of these three verbs (*modal + infinitive without to*) here.
- b) The form here should be *modal + infinitive without to*.
- c) You only need two of these three verbs (*modal + infinitive without to*) here.
- d) Well done! This means she is able to speak two languages.**

2. When I was young my father _____ me a story every evening before I went to sleep.

- a) Both the verbs are in the wrong form. The modal verb (*will*) needs to be in the past tense and the main verb needs to be in the base form.
- b) The modal verb (*will*) is in the correct form but the second verb isn't.
- c) Well done! This is the correct form. We can use the modal *would* to talk about past habits.**
- d) You need a different modal verb here to talk about past habits.

3. I _____ the exam. I only answered two of the ten questions.

- a) This is almost correct but one of the verbs is incorrect.
- b) The second verb is correct but the first and the third ones are in the wrong form.
- c) The form of one of the verbs is incorrect.
- d) Correct! None of these is correct. The right answer is *I can't have passed* (using *can't* for deductions).**

4. Excuse me sir. You _____ smoke here. It's against the rules. Didn't you see the sign?

- a) The form of this modal is incorrect.
- b) Correct! This means you're not allowed to smoke here.**
- c) Smoking is not allowed here so you need the negative form of this modal verb.
- d) This means you have to smoke here. The correct answer means you're not allowed to smoke.

5. After quite a few attempts, he finally _____ smoking last year.

- a) Well done! This means he was able to stop smoking successfully.**
- b) The modal verb *could* isn't correct here. You need to use another verb that means *was able to*.
- c) Although you're right, you don't need a modal verb, you haven't quite got the form correct here.
- d) One of these answers is correct.

6. He knows he _____ on a diet but he's just got no will power.

- a) There is one extra word here.
- b) This a mixture of two verbs (*ought to* and *should*).
- c) Correct! This means he should eat less and try to lose some weight.**
- d) With modal verbs you don't add *s* to he/she/it as you do with other present simple regular verbs.

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