MODALS: COULD WOULD SHOULD

Introduction: Modals are used to modify the tonality of sentence.

Structure: Subject + modal + verb / Modal+subject+verb? / Negatives with not or n’t
would, would not, wouldn’t / could, could not, couldn’t / should, should not, shouldn’t

Examples

| I would (would not, wouldn’t) like to go. | Couldn’t I see? |
| Would you like to go? | I should not go. |
| I could see. | Shouldn’t I go? |

Exercise 1 Choose the best solution.

1) They ________ get you at the train. Do you think it is possible?
a) would not b) would c) couldn’t d) should not e) could
2) She ________ see the team next week.
a) could b) should c) all answers d) would e) shouldn’t
3) I ________ go to the restaurant if I could. Let me ask my boss.
a) could b) would c) should d) couldn’t e) shouldn’t
4) They ________ see the client. They were too busy.
a) couldn’t b) could c) should d) would e) shouldn’t
5) We ________ be happy with the solution. They have not done a good job.
a) could b) would c) shouldn’t d) should e) wouldn’t
6) She ________ have seen the report if they had not show it.
a) could b) would not c) should d) could not e) should not
7) They ________ do the project if they thought they could.
a) could not b) would c) both a and c d) should not e) should
8) Eric ________ prepare the new team. They have to get ready.
a) couldn’t b) would c) would not d) shouldn’t e) should
9) If the account manager could do the project he ________
a) could b) would not c) shouldn’t d) would e) couldn’t
10) ________ Peter try to meet him? They have to meet before beginning the project.
a) Could not b) Would c) Should d) Would not e) Should not
11) The project manager ________ go to the conference. He thought was a waste of time.
a) could b) would c) should d) should not e) wouldn’t
12) The department ________ deliver on time. They are obliged.
a) should b) would c) couldn’t d) wouldn’t e) shouldn’t
13) ________ the assistant see the email of her boss? Yes, I think she could.
a) Shouldn’t b) Would c) Should d) Couldn’t e) Would not
14) ________ the product be the problem? Yes I think so. It has been getting a lot of returns.
a) Shouldn’t b) Would c) Should d) Could e) Wouldn’t
15) ________ he like to go on the trip? Yes he would.
a) Wouldn’t b) Shouldn’t c) Should d) Could e) Couldn’t

Exercise 2 Practice using this grammar point during the week. Try to express the aloud.

1) e  2) c  3) b  4) a  5) c  6) b  7) b  8) e  9) d  10) c  11) e  12) a  13) d  14) d  15) a