

Wednesday 8.7.20

Negative Modals

Modal verbs can also be changed to their negative form. For example, **should** can be replaced with **should not**. Also, many negative modal verbs can be contracted, for example **should not** becomes **shouldn't** in its contracted form.

Complete the blanks in the table below to show **modal verbs** and their negative forms (including contractions). The first one has been done for you.

modal verb	negative form	contraction of negative Form
should	should not	shouldn't
	cannot	
		couldn't
		mayn't
	might not	
		won't
	would not	
must		
		shouldn't
ought to		



Hint: If you get stuck, use the Internet to help you search for modal verbs and their negatives.

Negative Nancy

Nancy is a contrary young girl. She likes to say the opposite of what other people say to her. Below is a list of sentences that Nancy has heard during the day. Please write her reply by changing the modal verb in each sentence to its negative form. For example:



Hattie **can** do a handstand. (positive sentence)

Hattie **can't** do a handstand. (negative sentence)

1. Ffion can do column addition.

2. Connor could swim a full length of the pool.

3. It might rain later this evening.

4. You may go to the ball at the palace.

5. I will take more care next time.

6. Hristo would like to read a story after lunch.

7. We must get closer to see.

8. You should finish it before break time.

Years 5 and 6: Modal Verbs and Adverbs of Possibility Answers

4. Negative Models

modal verb	negative form	contraction of negative Form
should	should not	shouldn't
can	cannot	can't
could	could not	couldn't
may	may not	mayn't
might	might not	mightn't
will	will not	won't
would	would not	wouldn't
must	must not	mustn't
should	should not	shouldn't
ought to	ought not	oughtn't

5. Negative Nancy

1. Ffion can do column addition.
Ffion cannot/ can't do column addition.
2. Connor could swim a full length of the pool.
Connor could not/couldn't swim a full length of the pool.
3. It might rain later this evening.
It might not/mightn't rain later this evening.
4. You may go to the ball at the palace.
You may not/ mayn't go to the ball at the palace.

5. I will take more care next time.
I will not/won't take more care next time.
6. Hristo would like to read a story after lunch.
Hristo would not/wouldn't like to read a story after lunch.
7. We must get closer to see.
We must not/mustn't get closer to see.
8. You should finish it before break time.
You should not/shouldn't finish it before break.