

**Pronunciation: When we speak, we run words together.**

For example: We write—"Snow White is the fairest of them all."

But it sounds like: "Snow White is the fairest of the mall."

These phrases are written as they are spoken. Translate them into written speech.

1. clea-nup
2. wor-kout
3. Letzeat
4. hol-don
5. what-sup
6. family-zin-pets
7. tur-nof
8. Wouja tay-ka pic-chura me?
9. Whadijado?
- 10.the stuffy nose
11. gimme summor
12. Whatsa madder?

**Modals**

Modals are auxiliary verbs: can, could, had better, may, might, must, ought to, should, will, would.

Modals are followed by the present tense form of a verb. EX: She can do it. NOT She can did it.

Phrasal modals are common expressions whose meanings are similar to those of some of the modal auxiliaries: be able to, be going to, be supposed to, have to, have got to, used to.

Modals are used in polite requests with I as the subject.

- May I borrow your pen? Could I borrow your pen? Can I borrow your pen?
- Would you pass the salt? Will you pass the salt? Could you pass the salt? NOT May you pass the salt.
- Would you mind closing the window? Would you mind if I closed the window?
- Would you mind if I used your name as a reference?

**Exercise 1: Use one of the words below to finish the sentences.**

can could have to must might should

1. Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He \_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after such a long flight. He \_\_\_\_\_ prefer to stay home tonight and get some rest.
2. If you want to get a better feeling for how the city is laid out, you \_\_\_\_\_ walk downtown and explore the waterfront.
3. Hiking the trail to the peak \_\_\_\_\_ be dangerous. You \_\_\_\_\_ walk carefully.
4. Jen's engagement ring is beautiful. It \_\_\_\_\_ have cost a fortune.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ speak Arabic fluently when I was a child because we lived in Egypt.
6. If my plants don't get watered they \_\_\_\_\_ die.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ arrive a little later because my flight doesn't leave until two.
8. The weatherman said it \_\_\_\_\_ rain, so you \_\_\_\_\_ take an umbrella.

9. My essay is due tomorrow, so I \_\_\_\_\_ get busy and write it.  
10. Sarah is so fit, I'm sure she \_\_\_\_\_ run a marathon. But I don't think she \_\_\_\_\_ run that far because she is over 70.  
11. Do you still plan to fly home for Christmas? I \_\_\_\_\_. I'm not sure yet.  
12. Excuse me, I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the restroom.

**Which one of these sentence pairs is correct?**

1. I didn't understand you.  
a) Would you mind if I repeat that?                      b) Would you mind repeating that?
2. I don't feel well.  
a) Would you mind if I stay at home?                      b) Would you mind staying home?
3. This is probably none of my business, but  
a) would you mind if I asked you a question?                      b) would you mind asking a question?
4. You have a dictionary, don't you.  
a) Would you mind if I borrow it?                      b) Would you mind borrowing it?
5. I'm going to be late getting home tonight.  
a) Would you mind if you cooked dinner?                      b) Would you mind cooking dinner?

**Discuss in a small group:**

Talk about your hometown.

- Explain the geography of the area (i.e. mountains, hills, flat, desert, forested, rivers, sea, coast).
- How far from a major city is your hometown.
- What is the weather like in your hometown.
- What do you think your hometown should do to make it more attractive to people your age.
- What do tourists come to your hometown to see?
- What does your hometown grow or produce (i.e. cotton, wool, beef, vegetables, fruits, steel-making, crafts, wood products, bricks)