ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Possibility, Request and Permission: May, Might, Can, Could Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

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## Explanations

**1.** I am very cold. All the windows are open. _____ close the windows, please?
✔ **A) Can you**
We use **Can you ...?** to ask someone to do something for us: **Can you close the windows, please?**

**2.** A: Jane is always alone.

B: Yes. She _____ have many friends.
✔ **D) might not**
Jane is always alone, so maybe she has no friends. **Might not** means 'maybe not': **She might not have many friends.**

**3.** A: Hi! _____ I speak to Jenny?

B: I'm sorry. You _____ have the wrong number.
✔ **A) Can / must**
**Can I ...?** is a polite request on the phone. There is no Jenny here, so B is sure: **You must have the wrong number.**

**4.** Where is Mr Anderson? He's not in his office. I don't know. He _____ be at a meeting.
✔ **B) might**
The speaker doesn't know, so it is only a possibility. We use **might** for 'maybe': **He might be at a meeting.** Not **must**, because the speaker is not sure.

**5.** A: I am very late for school. _____

B: Of course, sweetheart.
✔ **B) Can you give me a lift to school, please?**
A is late for school and needs help getting there. **Can you give me a lift to school?** means 'Can you take me to school in your car?'

**6.** A: Where does Emma live?

B: I don't know. She _____ in the town centre.
✔ **C) might live**
B says **I don't know**, so it is only a possibility. We use **might**: **She might live in the town centre.**

**7.** A: How old do you think our teacher is?

B: _____ because she's as old as my mother.
✔ **B) She must be fifty-two**
B has a good reason (she's as old as my mother), so B is almost sure. We use **must** when we are sure: **She must be fifty-two.**

**8.** A: There is no bread at home. _____

B: OK. I will get some on my way home.
✔ **A) Can you buy some bread, please?**
There is no bread, and B says **I will get some**. So A asks: **Can you buy some bread, please?**

**9.** I'm going on holiday but I'm worried about my plants. _____
✔ **B) Can you look after them?**
The speaker is worried about the plants, so he asks for help. **Look after** means 'take care of': **Can you look after them?**

**10.** A: My stomach is rumbling.

B: You _____ be hungry.
✔ **B) must**
A rumbling stomach is a clear sign, so B is sure. We use **must** when we are sure: **You must be hungry.**

**11.** A: Dad, I am bored at home. _____

B: Yes, but don't come home late.
✔ **B) Can I go out with my friend?**
Dad says **don't come home late**, so the child wants to go out. We use **Can I ...?** to ask for permission: **Can I go out with my friend?**

**12.** A: The room is stuffy. _____

B: Go ahead.
✔ **D) May I open the window?**
The room is stuffy (it has no fresh air), so A asks for permission: **May I open the window? Go ahead** means 'Yes, you can.'

**13.** Sally is wearing a wedding ring. She _____ be married.
✔ **B) must**
A wedding ring is a clear sign, so we are sure. We use **must**: **She must be married.** Not **might**, because we are not just guessing.

**14.** A: _____

B: Yes, I'd like to buy a present for my friend.
✔ **A) May I help you?**
B says **I'd like to buy a present**, so A works in a shop. Shop assistants offer help with **May I help you?**

**15.** A: Where are my keys, Sam?

B: I don't know. _____
**✓ C) Shall I look in my room?**
Sam wants to help, so he makes an offer. We use **Shall I …?** to offer to do something: **Shall I look in my room?**

**16.** Henry is doing his homework. You are listening to music loudly. Henry says: _____
**✓ D) Can you turn down the music?**
The loud music is a problem for Henry's homework, so he asks you to make it quieter. **Turn down** means 'make quieter': **Can you turn down the music?**

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