

Modal verbs – paraphrases

1. Encouraging teenagers to play computer games is not necessary.

encourage

You _____ computer games.

2. I had the chance to go to the Iron Maiden concert, but I didn't want to.

gone

I _____ to the Iron Maiden concert,
but I didn't want to

3. I wish I could speak French very well.

able

I'd love to _____ very well.

4. Jane made a mistake not booking a table in the restaurant a day earlier.

should

Jane _____ a table in the restaurant a day
earlier.

5. Is it ok if I stay at Susie's house tonight?

may

_____ at Susie's house tonight?

6. My dad gave me a permission to use his tablet all weekend.

said

My dad _____ his tablet all
weekend.

7. You are not allowed to listen to loud music between 10 pm and 6 am.

must

You _____ to loud music between 10 pm
and 6 am.

8. Our grandma said we could borrow her Elvis CDs.

permission

Our grandma _____ to borrow her Elvis CDs.

9. You mustn't use mobile phones in this church.

allowed

You _____ mobile phones in this church.

10. I simply can't paint modern art.

painting

I am absolutely _____ modern art.

11. They do not have to outlaw soft drugs as it has been already done in Poland.

necessary

It _____ soft drugs as it has been already
done in Poland.

12. I'd love to be able to come to your party!

could

I wish I _____ to your party.

13. Why didn't he tell Martha when they were leaving?

should

He _____ Martha when they were leaving.

14. It is important that we reach Milan tomorrow morning.

arrive

We really _____ tomorrow morning.

15. You couldn't get in without showing ID before, but now you can.

show

You _____ ID to get in anymore.

16. Leaving without saying goodbye wouldn't be right.

ought

I really think we _____ we leave.

17. It was wrong of you to put the blame on Nina.

not

You _____ the blame on Nina.