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Grammar Self-Checks

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Indirect speech with modals

Look at the changes that occur from direct speech to indirect speech statements.

"My brother **got me** a gift." → She said [that] **her** brother **had gotten her** a gift.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Fill in the blanks.

1. In the example, what does the verb got "backshift" to in indirect speech? _____
2. In the example, what do my and me change to in indirect speech? _____, _____
3. In the example of indirect speech, which word is optional? _____

Look at the examples of modals that backshift in indirect speech statements.

"I'll be there by six." → I said [that] I **would** be there by six.
"You **must** come on time." → She said [that] they **had to** come on time.
"You **have to** pay in cash." → They told me [that] I **had to** pay in cash.

Look at the examples of modals that don't backshift in indirect speech statements.

could → could might → might ought to → ought to
would → would should → should

FIGURE IT OUT...

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of each modal in indirect speech statements.

1. can → _____
2. will → _____
3. would → _____
4. may → _____
5. might → _____
6. should → _____
7. ought to → _____
8. have to → _____
9. must → _____

Look at the examples of perfect modals in indirect speech statements.

"We **must have** forgotten." → He said [that] they **must have** forgotten.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Check the correct statement.

- a. Perfect modals never backshift in indirect speech.
 b. Perfect modals usually backshift in indirect speech.