

Identifying What the Semi-Modal Verb Expresses

What does the semi-modal verb show? Select the best answer choice.

1. Karen used to touch her toes, but that was before she hurt her knee.

- ability in the past
- advice

2. I need to attend karate practice today.

- ability
- obligation

3. Dad needs to go to work early this morning.

- necessity
- possibility

4. Ryan and Art used to play the drums when they were in the high school band.

- possibility
- ability in the past

5. Do I dare to try to compete with Mrs. Iris' peach cobbler?

- effort
- obligation

6. Jeff and Josh need to learn not to fight with each other.

- necessity
- advice

7. Marcus used to live next door, but he lives in Washington now.

- obligation
- past action

8. I need to help my dad mow the grass this weekend.

- necessity
- habitual action

9. I used to play the flute in the marching band.

- ability in the past
- strong desire or effort

10. I didn't dare tell Mr. Jones that I forgot to do my homework.

- strong desire or effort
- necessity

11. Class, we need to finish our essays today.

- ability in the past
- necessity

12. I can't believe you would dare to put a fake snake in Mr. Tittle's drawer!

- necessity
- strong desire or effort

13. My father used to be in a professional baseball team.

- ability in the past
- advice