Advanced Modal Verbs Worksheet: Bound To, May Well, Needn't Have

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Remember

Form	Example
be bound to / be sure to: almost certain	It's bound to rain at the weekend.
may / might / could well: quite probable	Prices may well rise again.
might as well: there's no better option	The bus has gone; we might as well walk.
will: assumption or typical behaviour	That'll be Tom at the door. He'll sit there for hours.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
She is bound to coming.	She is bound to come.
You may well to be right.	You may well be right.
We might as well to stay.	We might as well stay.

1. Complete

Complete with bound to, may well, might as well or will ('ll).

1. There's nothing on TV. We _____ go to bed.
2. Take an umbrella; it's _____ rain this afternoon.
3. The doorbell! That _____ be the pizza.
4. He's the best candidate. He _____ get the job.
5. She's been studying all year, so she's _____ pass.
6. We've missed the start of the film, so we _____ not bother.
7. My grandfather _____ sit in the garden for hours, just watching the birds.
8. You _____ be right, but I'd like a second opinion.

2. Choose

Circle the best option.

1. Don't worry, they're (bound to / may as well) find it.
2. It's late. We (might as well / are bound to) stay the night.
3. That (will / must to) be your sister on the phone.
4. I (could hardly / couldn't hardly) believe my eyes.
5. You (needn't have / mustn't have) brought anything, but thank you.
6. The new law (may well / might as well) cause problems.
7. He (will / would) insist on paying, every single time. It's typical.
8. The company (is sure to / is surely to) announce job cuts.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. The train is bound to being late.

2. We may as well to go home.

3. That will to be the postman.

4. You needn't have bring wine.

5. She may well is the best player.

6. I couldn't hardly hear him.

Writing

Write predictions about the next 20 years for your city or your profession (6–7 sentences). Use bound to, may well, could well, is unlikely to and might as well.

Speaking

- What is bound to happen in your country this year?
- Who may well be the next big name in your field?
- When did you last think 'We might as well…'?
- Describe a habit of someone you know with will: 'My dad will always…'

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 might as well · 2 bound to · 3 'll · 4 may well / is bound to · 5 bound to · 6 might as well · 7 will · 8 may well

2. Choose: 1 bound to · 2 might as well · 3 will · 4 could hardly · 5 needn't have · 6 may well · 7 will · 8 is sure to

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 The train is bound to be late. · 2 We may as well go home. · 3 That will be the postman. · 4 You needn't have brought wine. · 5 She may well be the best player. · 6 I could hardly hear him.

Writing, model answer: In the next twenty years my city is bound to grow, because people keep moving here for work. Housing may well become even more expensive. Self-driving buses could well replace many drivers. The old port is unlikely to survive in its current form. Many offices will be empty, so the city might as well turn them into flats. One thing is certain: people will still complain about the weather.