

1 Match the sentence halves then complete them using *must*, *might*, or *can't*.

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| 1 You <u>can't</u> be serious. <u>D</u> | A there be a solution to this disease. |
| 2 She have a broken leg, | B I think it be a redwing, but I'm not sure. |
| 3 Scientists are confident that | C she be feeling better. |
| 4 Take a jacket, | D That's a ridiculous idea! |
| 5 Katie's got a big smile, | E mine has a broken zip and this one works fine. |
| 6 This my coat, | F You've only got two eyes. |
| 7 What species is this? | G it be windy later. |
| 8 Surely you need six pairs of sunglasses. | H but we won't know until we see the X-ray. |

2 Choose the correct options in the sentences, then mark each according to its function: P (permission), A (advice), O (obligation).

- Do you think we can / *must* leave our bags here? P
- The rules are clear. All bags *have to* / *ought to* be under 15 kilos.
- You really *should* / *shouldn't* take any notice of people like that.
- If you have any symptoms, like dizziness, you *could* / *must* call this number immediately.
- You really *mustn't* / *ought to* use butter, but margarine will work just as well.
- Excuse me, Helen. *May* / *should* I speak to you when you have a moment?
- You really *should* / *can* consider wearing glasses.
- For your application to be considered, it *may* / *needs* to be received by Friday at the latest.

3 Complete the sentences with a modal from the first box and a verb from the second box.

can't may ~~might~~ must needn't ought to shouldn't

be x2 bend bring go interrupt ~~mean~~

- We never really know what dreams mean, but it might mean you're feeling anxious.
- You bring your own equipment. You can rent it all there.
- When lifting heavy objects, you bend over or you'll hurt your back.
- I interrupt for a second? I just wanted to say...
- You're having two burgers? Wow, you be hungry.

- I know I go to the dentist, but I'm just so lazy.
- Have they sold out? Don't worry. This be the only shop that sells headphones.

4 Complete the sentences with modal verbs.

- We shouldn't eat sugary things before bed; it's bad for our teeth.
- I hope you come to my party tomorrow.
- You said it was going to rain, and I think you be right.
- Do you know if we bring our passports?
- You cross the road when the light is red.
- I haven't revised for tomorrow's exam. I think I fail it.
- Has your login failed? That be the correct password. Try this one.

5 Rewrite the sentences using the word in CAPITALS so that they mean the same. Use 3–5 words.

- When inside, it is obligatory for all visitors to remove their shoes. TAKE
All visitors must take off their shoes when inside.
- Warming up before you start is generally recommended. TO
You before you start.
- Lifting those boxes is probably a bad idea. LIFT
You those boxes.
- Our assignments must be sent via email this year. TO
We via email this year.
- It isn't necessary for anyone to bring a packed lunch tomorrow. ONE
No a packed lunch tomorrow.
- We're allowed to collect our tickets after 4 pm. COLLECTED
The tickets after 4 pm.
- Maybe a hot shower will make your headache go away. RID
A hot shower your headache.
- We don't have permission to give you that information. BE
That information to you.

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- 2 H, might
- 3 A, must
- 4 G, might
- 5 C, must
- 6 E, can't
- 7 B, might
- 8 F, can't

2

- 2 have to, O
- 3 shouldn't, A
- 4 must, O
- 5 ought to, A
- 6 May, P
- 7 should, A
- 8 needs to, O

3

- 1 may would also be correct
- 2 needn't bring
- 3 shouldn't bend
- 4 May (I) interrupt
- 5 must be
- 6 ought to go
- 7 can't be

4

- 2 can / will
- 3 could / might
- 4 have to / need to
- 5 mustn't / can't
- 6 could / might
- 7 can't

5

- 2 ought to warm up
- 3 shouldn't lift
- 4 have to send
- 5 needs / has to bring
- 6 can be collected
- 7 might / may / could get rid of
- 8 can't be given