

1 Complete the sentences with *must*, *might*, or *can't*.

- You can't be serious. That's a ridiculous idea!
- She have a broken leg, but we won't know until we see the x-ray.
- Scientists are confident that there be a solution to this disease.
- Take a jacket. It be windy later.
- Katie's got a big smile. She be feeling better.
- This my coat. Mine has a broken zip and this one works fine.
- What species is this? I think it be a sparrow, but I'm not sure.
- Surely you need six pairs of sunglasses. You've only got two eyes.

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- Do you think we can / *must* leave our bags here?
- 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 verb in the box. Use each verb once.

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

- 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 Correct the mistakes in bold in the sentences.

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

5 Complete the second sentence in each pair with a modal verb + a phrase in the box so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence.

bring be collected be given get rid of
lift send take-off warm up

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

1

- 2 might
- 3 must
- 4 might
- 5 must
- 6 can't
- 7 might
- 8 can't

2

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

3

- 2 needn't
- 3 shouldn't
- 4 May
- 5 must
- 6 ought to
- 7 can't be

4

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

5

- 2 ought to / should 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