

Modal auxiliaries

Task 1: Complete the sentences with must, mustn't or needn't.

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2. "Look, there's an accident! We _____ call an ambulance."
3. "Laura, you _____ buy a new pencil. You can have one of mine. I have got enough."
4. "Oh great! Ms. Hoover has already got enough people to help her. So, we _____ help her."
5. "Hey Tom! You _____ forget your homework all the Carle."
6. "Jenny, it's a secret. You _____ tell anybody."
7. "My little brother is sleeping. We _____ be very quiet."
8. "I understand your problem. You _____ tell me more."
9. "Mum, I can manage the shopping alone. You _____ come with me."
10. "If you don't go right now you really _____ hurry to get the train."
11. You _____ take notes. You get everything later on a sheet of paper."

Task 2: Put the following sentences into the tenses given in brackets. Use substitute forms.

1. You must do your homework. **(simple past)**

2. They can speak English very well. **(present perfect)**

3. We mustn't go out to the disco. **(will-future)**

4. Sara can't tidy up her room. **(will-future)**

5. Sophie cannot speak Spanish. **(simple present)**

6. The pupils may not come late for lessons. **(simple past)**

7. Mark needn't repair his broken bike. **(will-future)**

8. Carl may not drink any alcohol. **(present perfect)**

9. Can Tessa play the piano? **(simple past)**

10. May we go to the rock concert? **(will-future)**

11. Must Mr. Meyer meet Tom's English teacher? **(simple present)**

12. Why can't we watch movies for adults? **(simple present)**

13. When must we come to the meeting point? **(simple past)**

Task 3: Fill in the correct modal auxiliaries.

1. Sam: 'Dad, Sara has invited me to her birthday party next Friday evening. _____ I go?'

2. Mrs. Tack: 'Hi boys and girls, look at those beautiful pictures! It's a pity that we _____ to take some photos.'

3. Mr. Smith: 'You _____ copy your neighbour's homework.'

4. Sara: 'Last week I _____ to get to the station in Carle because there was a traffic jam.'

5. Tessa: 'Lisa _____ write an essay when she's back from the hospital.'

6. Emily: 'I hope that I _____ to finish my garden work by Thursday.'

7. Mr. Tang: 'Carl, _____ close the window, please. It's getting cold in here.'

8. Tom: 'We _____ forget our flight tickets.'

9. Jenny: 'Mother, _____ to stay up until the end of the football match?'

Task 4: Situations – Which two sentences belong together?

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| 1) This music is terrible. | a) Her health is really bad at the moment. |
| 2) Why were you late yesterday? | b) He didn't have the right key. |
| 3) Will you come to the party next Sunday? | c) It's getting pretty cold in here. |
| 4) You mustn't run in the corridor. | d) I had to take another bus. |
| 5) You ought to visit Aunt Margret. | e) That's a pity! The water wasn't very cold. |
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| 8) We weren't allowed to swim in the pool. | h) It must be 'The Smurfs'. I hate them either. |
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Task 5: Fill in the verbs in brackets with suitable modal auxiliaries.

1. Jenny and her sister have been in a holiday camp in Scotland for three weeks. In the first week they _____ **(not / take)** an umbrella because the weather was brilliant. They also _____ **(go)** canoeing on a Scottish lake. In the second week the weather wasn't that good anymore so they _____ **(not / climb)** up Mount Lochmond because of strong winds and heavy rain above 1.200 metres.
2. Marc and Simon are visiting the British History Museum in London with their teacher Mr. Smith and their class.
- Mr. Smith: 'Hi kids, you _____ **(not / leave)** the museum without my permission, however, I _____ **(explore)** the museum on your own. But never go alone, you _____ **(stay)** in a group of three!'
- Simon: 'Mr. Smith, my sister went there with her class last week and she lost her way. She _____ **(not / find)** the way back to the meeting point

without the help of a friendly old woman. If we lose our way, too,
_____ **(call)** you on the phone?’

Mr. Smith: ‘Of course! Everybody has got my phone number. In case of an emergency, you can call me.
Remember! You _____ **(be)** at the meeting point at three o’clock.’

Marc: ‘_____ **(buy)** a souvenir at the shop over there?’

Mr. Smith: ‘If there’s still some Carle left, of course, you are. If you need anything to drink, you
_____ **(get)** something there as well. Once you are in the
exhibition you _____ **(not / buy)** anything to drink.’

Simon: ‘_____ **(take)** photos with our smartphones?’

Mr. Smith: ‘No, you aren’t.’

3. Peter bought a new bike last Friday but he _____ **(not / drive)** with it at first. His parents wanted him to buy a helmet before using the bicycle. On Saturday he _____ **(go)** with his father to a bike shop get a helmet. First, he _____ **(try)** a helmet on because he didn’t know which size _____ **(be)** the correct one. Finally, they found a black and yellow one. Peter was happy when his parents _____ **(him / go)** on a bike tour with his friend Mike on Sunday morning. If the weather is fine, Peter hopes that he _____ **(repeat)** this bike tour with Mike again next weekend. Peter and Mike _____ **(not / think)** about school because next Friday is the last day of the term and the beginning of the long summer holidays.

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Task 2: Put the following sentences into the tenses given in brackets. Use substitute forms.

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___ **You had to do your homework.** _____
2. They can speak English very well. (present perfect)
___ **They have been able to speak English very well.** _____
3. We mustn't go out to the disco. (will-future)
___ **We won't be allowed to go out to the disco.** _____
4. Sara can't tidy up her room. (will-future)
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5. Sophie cannot speak Spanish. (simple present)
___ **Sophie isn't able to speak Spanish.** _____
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8. Carl may not drink any alcohol. (present perfect)
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 ___ **Was Tessa able to play the piano?** _____
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 ___ **Will we be allowed to go to the rock concert?** _____
11. Must Mr. Meyer meet Tom's English teacher? (simple present)
 ___ **Does Mr. Meyer have to meet Tom's English teacher?** _____
12. Why can't we watch movies for adults? (simple present)
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13. When must we come to the meeting point? (simple past)
 ___ **When did we have to come to the meeting point?** _____

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