

3 Grammar practice – standard



1 Circle the correct modal verbs.

- 1 You **should / might / can** always check the depth of a swimming pool before diving in.
- 2 That **can't / might not / shouldn't** be Katie in the café. Haven't you heard? She's in hospital with a broken leg.
- 3 Excuse me, but you **mustn't / don't have to / needn't** smoke in here.
- 4 You **mustn't / shouldn't / can't** be so shy when you speak English. Your accent is lovely.
- 5 I **ought / must / should** to leave now or I'll miss my train.
- 6 Please slow down. We **mustn't / don't need to / can't** walk so fast. The film doesn't start for another half an hour.
- 7 That man **can / should / must** be a famous celebrity. Look at all the photographers around him!
- 8 I'm so tired; I think I **might / need / could** get an early night tonight.

2 Complete the sentences with a modal verb and the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the affirmative or negative form.

- 1 I (leave) my passport at the hotel. I checked the room three times!
- 2 Oh, dear – the airline (lose) our luggage. I can't see our bags anywhere.
- 3 You (speak) to the waiter like that. It's not his fault that the food was burnt.
- 4 My sister is so talented that she (be) a professional musician, but she decided to study medicine instead.
- 5 Sorry, Mum. I know that I (tell) you that I was staying over at Rory's house last night. I promise I'll text you in future.
- 6 I think I (see) this film before. The plot feels familiar.
- 7 I (go) shopping yesterday. I spent far too much money!

3 Complete the sentences with the modal verbs in the box.

can could must mustn't needn't should

- 1 I speak French fluently when I lived in Paris.
- 2 You smoke in the train station.
- 3 You be tired after working so many hours.
- 4 There is plenty of milk in the fridge – you buy any.
- 5 you help me carry this box? It's so heavy!
- 6 I think you study English at university.

4 If the underlined words are correct, put a tick (✓). If they are incorrect, write the correct words.

- 1 We should to leave now or we'll miss our flight.
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- 2 Oh, no! I think Lina might has taken my laptop by mistake!
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- 3 We can't buy a house in the city centre; it's too expensive.
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- 4 Excuse me but you mustn't to bring your mobile phone into the exam room.
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- 5 My brother ought look for a job that he loves.
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- 6 Hey, you shouldn't of borrowed my bike without asking me first.
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- 7 Dad, did you had to wear a uniform when you went to secondary school?
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- 8 I'd like to ask a question, if I may?
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5 Complete the conversation with one word in each gap.

- Jack Hey, Emily, you won't believe this!
- Emily What?
- Jack Did you know that some companies that make footballs use **child labour**?
- Emily No way! You (1) be serious! You mean a little kid (2) might made the footballs we use?
- Jack Exactly. Those companies even use little children as young as seven years old.
- Emily But kids that age (3) be in school.
- Jack Of course they should! Some little kids (4) to work up to 14 hours a day.
- Emily I wish you (5) told me about this earlier! I bought my cousin a football for his birthday last week. I didn't even think about who made it.
- Jack I think we (6) to talk to the coach about this. But I think some people on the team (7) not care at all. They'll say that it's not their problem.
- Emily Well, too bad! I don't want to use a football that a little kid (8) have made. Simple as that!