

Grammar

can, could, might and may

1 Choose the correct option in *italics*.

- 1 When my grandad was younger he *can* / *could* see very well, but now he's old, he *can't* / *couldn't* read without glasses.
- 2 I'm not sure if I *can* / *may* finish this work today. I *can* / *might* have to do it tomorrow.
- 3 **A:** Where's Katie? I *can't* / *couldn't* find her.
B: She *can* / *might* be in the canteen. I saw her going in that direction a few minutes ago.
- 4 The football match *can* / *may* be cancelled because it *might not* / *might* snow this weekend.
- 5 **A:** *Can* / *May* you play the piano?
B: No, but my brother *can* / *might* play very well.

Modals for advice, obligation and prohibition

2 Choose the correct option in *italics*.

- 1 You *shouldn't* / *don't have to* go to bed late when you have to get up early the next day.
- 2 You *mustn't* / *have to* lie to people if you want to stay friends with them.
- 3 You *shouldn't* / *have to* pay if you break something in the shop.
- 4 You *ought to* / *shouldn't* eat vegetables every day to be healthy.
- 5 You *should* / *don't have to* bring food for the trip. Lunch will be provided.
- 6 We *don't have to* / *must* turn off the lights when we're out, to save electricity.