MODAL VERBS – REPHRASING

Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the word in brackets and the meaning stays the same:

1. I won't go to school tomorrow because tomorrow is Sunday. **(not have to)**
2. You are very ill. You need to go to the doctor. **(should)**
3. In the future, children will know how to use computers before the age of five. **(to be able to)**
4. It is snowing heavily. Don't go out, please. **(shouldn't)**
5. Have you got a pen for me to borrow? **(can)**
6. Cheating in an exam is against the school rules. **(mustn't)**
7. It's possible that Jeff doesn't send the message today. **(might not)**
8. It is important for me to pass the exam. **(must)**
9. There was no need for Julie to help me cook for the party. **(not have to)**
10. I don't believe that you have lost your keys again! **(can't)**
11. I'm sure that Sam is disappointed. **(must)**
12. It's against the law for motorists to park here. **(mustn't)**
13. Perhaps Sarah lends Simon some money. **(may)**
14. It is sometimes very hot here in the summer. **(can)**
15. It isn't necessary to be over 18 to get married. **(needn't)**
16. Parents have an obligation to teach their children the difference between right and wrong. **(must)**
17. There's a small possibility that he comes on a motorbike. **(might)**
18. If I were you, I would tell him the truth. **(ought to)**



Rephrase each sentence so that the meaning stays the same:

1. Drinking alcohol while you drive is prohibited by law. You
2. Perhaps I will go to the cinema. I
3. I am not able to get up early in the morning. I
4. I suggest you sleep at least seven hours before an exam. You
5. It is wrong of the teacher to shout at his pupils. The teacher
6. He is late for work again. He probably woke up late. He
7. It is not necessary to be rich in order to be happy. You
8. It is forbidden for boys to ride skateboards in the street. Boys
9. I advise you to try harder to find employment. You
10. It is not necessary for you to give me a lift. You
11. You're not allowed to drop litter in the street. You
12. It's possible that we will find a solution to the homeless situation. We
13. It's necessary to have a senior citizen 's card to get in free. You
14. It's not a good idea to walk in the forest alone. You
15. We are obliged to recycle in this town, it's a law. We
16. I'm sure she's a scientist. She
17. I don't think she is on holiday. She
18. Perhaps she is doing medical research. She
19. It's not necessary to arrive early. You
20. It wasn't necessary for you to buy all these books. You
21. He wasn't able to lift the piano. He
22. Smoking is prohibited in this building. You
23. I think Mary is probably at home because the windows are open. Mary
24. Do you mind if I sit in here for a moment?

