

## Grammar

### ▪ Modals

**Choose the correct answer.**

- 1 Tom ..... speak three languages by the time he was twelve.  
A could                      B needn't                      C must
- 2 You ..... wear a helmet when you ride your bike. It's the law.  
A should                      B must                      C ought to
- 3 ..... I get you anything for your sore throat?  
A Would                      B Can                      C Must
- 4 You ..... buy any more painkillers. I bought some yesterday.  
A must                      B can't                      C needn't
- 5 He ..... be here soon – he left the office half an hour ago.  
A must                      B would                      C should
- 6 Excuse me, sir, my head hurts. .... I go to the nurse?  
A May                      B Must                      C Would
- 7 You ..... stop worrying so much. It's not doing you any good.  
A can                      B ought to                      C shall
- 8 You don't look well. You ..... see a doctor.  
A could                      B might                      C should
- 9 He ..... have gone on holiday with them, but he has a phobia of flying.  
A would                      B can                      C needn't
- 10 Stay in bed today. If you try to go to school, your cold ..... get worse.  
A has to                      B might                      C should

**Rewrite the sentences using the modals below, as in the example.**

*mustn't, can, couldn't, ought to, would, don't have to, might, must, didn't need to, shall*

- 1 **Do you want** to go to bed? You look very tired.  
*Would you like to go to bed? You look very tired.*
- 2 **It's your duty to** keep the house clean and tidy.

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- 3 Sandra **wasn't able to** even look at a picture of a snake when she was younger.  
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- 4 **Would you like me to** get you some cream for your rash?  
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- 5 You **are not allowed to** climb public buildings without permission.  
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- 6 **It's not necessary for you to** do more exercise, but you should eat a healthier diet.  
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- 7 Ron **is able to** swim five kilometres.  
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- 8 **Perhaps Daniel is** afraid of spiders.  
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- 9 **It wasn't necessary for him** to stay in the hospital overnight.  
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- 10 I **advise you to** use natural remedies whenever you can.  
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**Rephrase the following sentences in as many ways as possible, using modals, as in the example.**

- 1 It's a good idea to clean your mobile phone after someone else uses it.  
*You should / ought to clean your mobile phone after someone else uses it.*
- 2 It is forbidden to swim here because of the deadly jellyfish.  
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- 3 It isn't necessary for you to call the hospital – I've already cancelled your appointment.  
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- 4 Do you want me to close the window?  
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- 5 It wasn't necessary for Robin to stop playing basketball when he injured his knee.  
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- 6 I advise you to see a dermatologist.  
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- 7 Is it OK if I have a nap on your sofa?  
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- 8 It is likely that he will be off work for several weeks.  
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- 9 It's our duty to obey the school rules.  
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- 10 He will probably pass the exam – he has been studying very hard.  
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## Past modals

**Underline the correct item.**

- 1 Those who didn't attend the seminar **must** / **could** be present at the next one.
- 2 That's impossible! I'm sure she **needn't** / **couldn't** talk when she was six months old.
- 3 Despite having a fever, Sally **was able to** / **didn't need to** win the race.
- 4 When I entered the house, I **had to** / **could** smell freshly baked bread.
- 5 Luckily, I **wasn't able to** / **didn't have to** see a specialist. My arm got better in a few days.
- 6 She **didn't have to** / **wasn't able to** attend the parents' meeting at school yesterday. She was out of town.
- 7 I **had to** / **couldn't** play netball yesterday because I had an ear infection.
- 8 We **didn't need to** / **weren't able to** get up so early – we had plenty of time.