

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.