

GRAMMAR 2 | Modals (2): advice, permission, polite requests, prohibition

1 Look at the table and complete the conversation with the correct form of *can*.

| Ride a bike | Play tennis | Go swimming |
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Kim: (1) _____ I come with you to the sports centre this afternoon?

Sue: Yes, sure. Today we (2) _____ play tennis, but we (3) _____ go swimming unfortunately.

Kim: That's a shame. Last week, we (4) _____ do both activities.

Sue: Yes, but the pool is closed today. (5) _____ you ride a bike? I'm going to cycle there.

Kim: I can, but I'm not sure if I'm allowed. I'll check with my parents. But (6) _____ you possibly lend me a bike? Mine is broken.

2 Complete the sentences with *should* or *shouldn't* and a verb from the box.

eat | get | play | talk | wear | worry

- You _____ a big meal before you go swimming. It may make you feel ill.
- Runners _____ comfortable shoes when they go running.
- If we need to buy tickets, we _____ to the stadium early.
- Shh! You _____ loudly at a tennis match.
- Your sister _____ about the match. I'm sure she'll win!
- If you think football is boring, you _____ basketball. I think it's more exciting.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the correct form of *can*, *have to*, *must* or *should* and any other words you need.

Example: It is prohibited to wear outdoor shoes in the sports hall.

You mustn't wear outdoor shoes in the sports hall.

- We weren't allowed to go into the gym because the teacher wasn't there.
We _____ into the gym because the teacher wasn't there.
- Is it possible for you to open the window, please? It's hot in here.
_____ you _____ the window, please?
It's hot in here.
- It's a good idea to buy tickets for the match early.
We _____ tickets for the match early.
- It is prohibited for students under 16 to use the gym.
You _____ the gym if you are under 16.