Permission, prohibition & obligation

1 **Robert's grandmother is looking after him this weekend and his mum has written a note with the rules. Choose the correct words to complete them.**

He [1]**can** / **mustn't** stay in bed late on Saturday morning if he wants to. He [2]**is allowed to** / **can't** play his favourite video games online, but there's a time limit of two hours a day. He [3]**can** / **mustn't** also have friends round if he likes. He [4]**isn't allowed to** / **can** watch TV downstairs, but he [5]**can** / **isn't** allowed to use his mobile phone or tablet in his room or he'll be on a screen all weekend. He [6]**is allowed to** / **mustn't** go to the park to play football if he wants to. He [7]**is allowed to** / **can't** go to bed late on Saturday night, but he [8]**is allowed to** / **mustn't** be in bed later than 9 p.m. on Sunday. Thanks, Mum.

2 **Complete the sentences with (*not*) *be allowed to*, *can* / *can't* or *mustn't*. Sometimes, more than one answer is possible.**

1 We _____ wear jeans to school. It's against the rules.

2 I _____ meet you this afternoon. I've got a piano lesson.

3 You _____ talk behind people's backs. It's rude.

4 _____ (you) stay out late on weekdays?

5 I _____ to watch TV till 9 p.m.

6 I'm trying to lose weight so I _____ _____ have snacks.

3 **Complete the text with the correct option.**

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We have so many rules at school. We [1] *a* be in class before 8 a.m. There's a canteen so we [2]_____ to bring our lunch, but if we do, we [3]_____ eat in the classroom. We [4]_____ use our mobile phones in class and all students [5]_____ go out to the playground during the break. One good thing is that we [6]_____ wear a school uniform. I guess I'm lucky because I get to wear what I like. Some of my friends in other schools [7]_____ wear a uniform. They say it's boring to wear the same clothes every day. But at least they [8]_____ to choose the clothes every morning!

1	**a** must	**b** don't have	**c** mustn't
2	**a** mustn't	**b** don't have to	**c** have to
3	**a** have to	**b** don't have to	**c** mustn't
4	**a** have to	**b** mustn't	**c** must
5	**a** mustn't	**b** don't have to	**c** have to
6	**a** have to	**b** must	**c** don't have to
7	**a** mustn't	**b** must	**c** don't have to
8	**a** have to	**b** must	**c** don't have to

4 **Complete the forum post with the words in the box. There is one word you don't need.**

are allowed aren't allowed can
can't must mustn't

How strict is your school?

In my school there are a lot of rules, and some are unfair. We [1]_____ to talk to other students during lessons, and we [2]_____ shout out answers and questions. We [3]_____ to bring our phones to school, which is great. One good thing is that we [4]_____ wear what we want. We [5]_____ look scruffy or wear really weird clothes.

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