

Ability, permission & prohibition

1 Add one to three words to the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use the correct form of the words in the box and any other words necessary. Use each word once.

could can able must may

Are you able to come to film group this week?

Can you come to film group this week?

- 1 I couldn't watch the end as I ran out of time.
I _____ watch the end as I ran out of time.
- 2 Could I borrow your DVD?
_____ I borrow your DVD?
- 3 I asked my parents for permission to go.
I asked my parents _____ go.
- 4 I'm not allowed to stay out later than ten.
I _____ stay out later than ten.

Advice

2 Decide if the modal verbs in bold are correct or not. Put a tick (C) -CORRECT or a cross (I) - INCORREC. Write the correct modal verbs below.

If you want to have a good relationship, the one thing you (1) **shouldn't** (*) never do is 'box set cheat' on your boyfriend or girlfriend. Box set cheating is when you start watching a series together, but then one of you watches an episode on their own. If you do this, you (2) **had better** () be careful that your partner doesn't find out. It's OK if you have said, '(3) **May** () I watch the next episode while you're out tonight?' and your partner has agreed. But if you have simply watched it without your partner knowing, then you (4) **must** () to feel bad.

So, if you have already cheated, what (5) **should** () you do now? My advice? You (6) **ought** () be honest and apologize before you find yourself lying to him or her. But whatever you do, you (7) **couldn't** () tell them what happens at the end of the episode!

1 <u>should</u>	2 _____
3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____
7 _____	

Obligation & lack of obligation

3 Complete the dialogue with the verbs in the box. Use each verb only once.

need to have to mustn't don't have to ought

Lucy I (1) _____ to go home now, it's late.

Ted Let's just watch the next episode. We (2) _____ find out what happens next.

Lucy I want to find out what happens too, but we (3) _____ watch it tonight.

Ted You say that, but we (4) _____ watch it before we see Lola, or she'll tell us what happens – she can't help herself.

Lucy Well, I'll just tell her she (5) _____.

Ted Hmm.

Possibility & deduction

4 Translate the sentences.

1 My brother must have been watching something on my computer.

2 It might not have been him.

3 I may need to tell my parents.
