

Unit 1 Grammar

Permission, prohibition and obligation

1 Put the words and phrases under the correct heading.

be allowed to can can't don't have to
have to must mustn't not be allowed to

Permission

be allowed to

Prohibition

Obligation

Lack of obligation

2 Choose the correct modal verbs.

- 1 ... you come to my house after school tomorrow?
a Must b Can
- 2 I ... make my bed every morning after I get up.
a have to b 'm allowed to
- 3 My sister's ... come to the concert with me. Mum says she's too young.
a not allowed to b doesn't have to
- 4 You ... take photos in this art gallery. It's against the rules.
a must b mustn't
- 5 ... go surfing here or is the water too dangerous?
a Are we allowed to b Do we have to
- 6 I ... to your birthday party because we are away for the weekend.
a mustn't come b can't come
- 7 ... take our shoes off before going into this temple?
a Do we have to b Can we

3 Are the sentences correct (C) or incorrect (I)?

- 1 I not allowed to play video games at the weekend. C ☐ I ☒
- 2 Did you had to tidy your bedroom after the sleepover? C ☐ I ☐
- 3 I couldn't going to the park after school yesterday. C ☐ I ☐
- 4 We had to wear a uniform at school. C ☐ I ☐
- 5 Were you allow to take food into the concert hall? C ☐ I ☐
- 6 I didn't have to go to bed early last night. C ☐ I ☐

3 Correct the mistakes in the dialogue.

- Lucas Hey Milo! **Must** ¹ Can you come to my house later after school?
- Milo No, sorry. I **had** ² _____ to finish my homework because I didn't do it last night.
- Lucas Oh, **are you allowed** ³ _____ to go to the concert last night then?
- Milo Yes! I **have** ⁴ _____ to help Mum prepare dinner first, but then I could go.
- Lucas You're lucky! My dad said that I **didn't have to** ⁵ _____ go.
- Milo Oh, poor you. I didn't even **had** ⁶ _____ to finish my homework first! But I must do it tonight.
- Lucas **Can** ⁷ _____ you take photos in the concert hall? Can I see them?
- Milo Yes! Look, they're really great. We **aren't allowed** ⁸ _____ to take any food or water into the concert though – it was really strict! We were lucky to be allowed our smartphones.
- Lucas I'm glad you enjoyed it. **Could** ⁹ _____ you come to mine tomorrow then?
- Milo Probably. Anyway, I **mustn't** ¹⁰ _____ go. I've got a maths lesson now. Bye!
- Lucas I **had** ¹¹ _____ to go to a lesson, too. Bye! See you later!