

GRAMMAR RECALL

Modal Verbs of Obligation, Desirability and Necessity

Read the sentences and match them to the usage on the right.

- 1 It only takes ten minutes to drive to work. You **don't need to** leave home so early.
- 2 If you go on a diet, you **shouldn't** try to lose weight too quickly.
- 3 When you travel abroad, you **have to** have a passport.
- 4 If you want to go to university, you'll **need to** work a lot harder.
- 5 During Ramadhan, you **mustn't** eat or drink from sunrise to sunset.
- 6 Don't worry so much about your job. You **ought to** try and relax more.

Modal verbs have many uses.
Their uses include the following:

- a indicating that an action is obligatory – that it has to be carried out
- b indicating that an action is prohibited
- c indicating that an action is desirable or acceptable
- d indicating that an action is undesirable or unacceptable
- e indicating that an action is necessary
- f indicating that an action is unnecessary