

5.4 Modal verbs: *can*, *have to* and *must*

1 Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct form of *can*, *have to* or *must*.

Ali: I'm so pleased you ⁰*can* / *have to* come to my house tonight, Ben.

Ben: Yes, but I ¹*can't* / *don't have to* stay too late. My parents say that I ²*can* / *have to* be back home by 9.30.

Ali: That's OK. It gives us lots of time to play games or watch TV. My parents aren't very strict. They say I ³*mustn't* / *don't have to* take food to my bedroom, but I ⁴*can't* / *don't have to* tell them what programme I'm watching or which game I'm playing. You ⁵*can* / *have to* choose what to play if you like.

Ben: Thanks. My dad says he ⁶*has to* / *doesn't have to* check all of my games and tells me to stop playing after 20 minutes – it's really boring!

Ali: And ⁷*do you have to* / *can you* show him all your films too?

Ben: Of course! But I have some others that I don't tell him about! You ⁸*don't have to* / *mustn't* tell him, though.

Ali: Of course not!