

## Grammar present modal verbs

Choose the correct options to complete the text.

### How to really annoy your co-workers

Sharing an office is a little bit like sharing a house. There are certain things that you really <sup>1</sup>~~should~~ *can't* avoid doing unless you want to seriously annoy your co-workers.

If you didn't buy the food or drink in the shared fridge, that means you <sup>2</sup>*can't / might not* eat or drink it. It isn't yours. The exception is when some kind person brings in chocolates or biscuits to share, and even then you should ask, <sup>3</sup>*'Must / May I have one?'*

And don't finish the coffee in the pot and then not make any more. You <sup>4</sup>*don't have to / might not* want another cup, but someone else will.

It's hard enough trying not to be distracted by other people's phone conversations, you <sup>5</sup>*have to / needn't* make it worse by putting the person you're talking to on speakerphone. And stop hitting 'reply all' when you answer an email. We <sup>6</sup>*mustn't all / don't all* need to know you got the message.

If you <sup>7</sup>*have to / should* gossip about your co-workers, you <sup>8</sup>*shouldn't / ought to* do it where they can't hear you – and definitely not on social media.

Just be considerate and think about other people. It's that simple.



Complete the sentences with a suitable present modal from the box. Use each modal only once.

can't have to may might mustn't ~~ought to~~

- 1 It's lucky I found your purse. You ought to be more careful with your belongings.
- 2 I'm going to bed early tonight because I \_\_\_\_\_ get up at 5 a.m. tomorrow to catch a flight.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ I leave the room, please?
- 4 I'm not sure yet where we're going on holiday this year. We \_\_\_\_\_ go to Italy if it isn't too expensive.
- 5 You \_\_\_\_\_ ever go there on your own at night. It's really dangerous!
- 6 Sorry, you \_\_\_\_\_ sit there, it's already taken.