

Grammar practice. Modals & semi-modals

1 Read the text about strange laws. Complete the text with the verbs.

can't must allowed mustn't had have



The Houses of Parliament, London

The world's strangest laws

- 1 You ~~can't~~ play golf on the streets of New York.
- 2 In Miami, you skateboard in a police station.
- 3 In the UK, you are not to die in the Houses of Parliament.
- 4 In Russia in the seventeenth century, you to pay tax to grow a beard.
- 5 In London, you don't to pay to take sheep across London Bridge.
- 6 In the US state of Kentucky, the law says everyone have a bath at least once a year.

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 You must / *can* wear black trousers and a black shirt in this job. It's obligatory.
- 2 Do I *must* / *have to* drive on the left or the right?
- 3 I *mustn't* / *don't have to* go to school today because I *don't* have any lessons.
- 4 It's a rule that everyone *has to* / *is allowed to* take a shower before swimming.
- 5 That sign says 'no parking'. You *can't* / *don't have to* park here.
- 6 Junk food is bad for you. You *can* / *should* eat more vegetables.
- 7 Children *have to* / *aren't allowed to* enter the pool without an adult.
- 8 Students *shouldn't* / *mustn't* talk in the library. The rule says 'silence at all times'.

3 Rewrite the sentence with the same meaning, using the verb in bold.

- 1 We can stay up late tonight. **allowed**
We're allowed to stay up late tonight.
- 2 When I was a child, it was the rule to wear a school **uniform**. **had**
When I was a child, I a school uniform.
- 3 Be careful about driving so quickly on this road. **shouldn't**
You on this road.
- 4 I'm going to be late, so it isn't necessary to wait for me. **have**
I'm going to be late, so you for me.
- 5 Billy isn't allowed to watch this TV show. **can't**
Billy this TV show.
- 6 You are prohibited from walking on the grass. **mustn't**
You on the grass.