

1 Choose the correct item.

1 A: I've just got a speeding ticket.

B: Didn't you know that you **needn't** **mustn't** drive over 50 kmph through the city centre?

2 A: **Mustn't** **Must** I eat all my vegetables?

B: Yes. They're very good for you.

3 A: Why's John so happy?

B: He **could** **was able to** win the race.

4 A: I saw a suspicious man on our street yesterday, but I didn't call the police.

B: You **ought to** **need** have called them immediately.

5 A: The beach **can** **could** get very crowded tomorrow as it's a holiday.

B: Let's go somewhere else instead.

6 A: You **mustn't** **needn't** wear high heels while you're on the boat. It's forbidden.

B: Alright. I'll take them off.

2 Fill in the gaps

1 A: You do the washing-up. I'll do it.

B: Thanks, Mum.

2 A: Paul go to the dentist soon.

B: I know. His wisdom teeth are coming out.

3 A: If we want to see the beginning of the film, we leave now.

B: Alright. I'm ready.

4 A: You speak with your mouth full.

B: I know. It's very rude.

4 Fill in the gaps with needn't have or didn't have to and the correct form of the verb in brackets, as in the example.

Didn't have to : It wasn't necessary to do something, and we don't know if it was done or not.

Needn't have +past participle: It wasn't necessary to do something, but it was done.

- 1 I had been to the restaurant many times before so I _____ a map to find my way there.
- 2 You _____ here to tell me. You could have called me instead.
- 3 We didn't go abroad last year so we _____ our passports with us.
- 4 I cooked dinner last night, so we _____ a takeaway.
- 5 You _____ your suit. I would have taken it to the dry-cleaner's for you.

Fill in the gaps in the text with:

couldn't couldn't mustn't shouldn't should must must can't could

Hi Steve,

First of all, I'm really sorry I didn't email sooner, I know I 1) _____ have replied to your email ages ago! It's not my fault though; I 2) _____ sit down at my laptop to write to you because ... I had my laptop stolen! "You 3) _____ be joking, you 4) _____ be serious!" you'll say. But no, I am not joking and yes, I am serious.

It happened about three weeks ago, when I did something I really 5) _____ have done: I left my bag in my car, on the passenger's seat. I know it's silly, but I 6) _____ have known it was going to get stolen! Everybody always says that you 7) _____ leave valuable items in the car, but I guess I 8) _____ have been too tired and absent-minded to think.

Thankfully, I had made a back-up the week before and didn't have any sensitive information in it – so it 9) _____ have been a lot worse! I'll tell you the rest of the story when I see you.

Are you coming to town next month? Let's meet up!

Speak soon,

Kim

5 Choose the correct item.

1 It's very late. The children ... be sleeping.

A must

B can't

C shouldn't

2 We ... finish the project by Friday or else we'll lose the client.

A might

B needn't

C have to

3 You ... made anything for the party. I have plenty of food.

A needn't have

B needn't

C mustn't

4 The north of England ... get very cold in winter.

A may

B can

C could

5 John isn't at home. He ... be at the gym.

A might

B has to

C needs

6 A: ... call David now?

B: Yes, he said it was an emergency.

A May I

B Do I have to

C Could I

7 ... we go for a walk this evening? The weather is mild and warm.

A Shall

B Might

C Would

8 It's already late. The postman been here by now.

A can't have

B could have

C must have

9 A: Are you working this weekend?

B: No, I finished everything today so I

... .

A mustn't

B shouldn't

C don't have to

10 Paula is always very stressed. She ... take a few days off.

A should

B is able to

C shall

11 ... it be possible to speak with the manager, please?

A Will

B Would

C Wouldn't

12 The team ... played any better. It's a shame they lost.

A couldn't have

B mustn't have

C shouldn't have

13 A: Look! Isn't that Ryan on that bike?

B: No, it ... him! He's got blond hair.

A won't be

B mustn't be

C can't be

14 When we were at university, all students ... hand in an essay every week.

A had to

B ought

C must have

15 ... I help you with your luggage, madam?

A Need

B Must

C May