

# Modal verbs: present and future

Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) There's someone at the door. It *can/must* be the postman.
- b) Don't worry, you *don't have to/mustn't* pay now.
- c) I think you *had better/would better* take a pullover with you.
- d) Jones *could/must* be president if Smith has to resign.
- e) Sorry, I can't stay any longer. I *have to/might* go.
- f) It was 5 o'clock an hour ago. Your watch *can't/mustn't* be right.
- g) It's a school rule, all the pupils *have to/must* wear a uniform.
- h) I suppose that our team *must/should* win, but I'm not sure.
- i) Let's tell Diana. She *could/might* not know.
- j) In my opinion, the government *might/should* do something about this.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- a) I think you should give up smoking immediately.  
**had**  
I think you *had better give up* smoking immediately.
- b) I expect we will get there by 5.00, if there isn't too much traffic.  
**should**  
We \_\_\_\_\_ 5.00, if there isn't too much traffic.
- c) Is it necessary for me to bring my passport?  
**have**  
Do \_\_\_\_\_ my passport?
- d) I am sure that the cat is in the house somewhere.  
**be**  
The cat \_\_\_\_\_ in the house somewhere.
- e) An aerial is not required with this radio.  
**have**  
You don't \_\_\_\_\_ an aerial with this radio.

f) It is very inconvenient if you can't drive.

**to**

It's very inconvenient if \_\_\_\_\_ drive.

g) I am sure that John is not the thief.

**be**

John \_\_\_\_\_ the thief.

h) I am certain that Norman will be late.

**bound**

Norman \_\_\_\_\_ late.

i) All students should report to the main hall at 9.00.

**are**

All students \_\_\_\_\_ to the main hall at 9.00.

j) I thought that you would know better!

**ought**

You \_\_\_\_\_ better!