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How do I use modal verbs?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a If workers are sick, they must to stay home and rest.
b If workers are sick, they must stay home and rest.
- 2 a In this way, children can learn from what they have done.
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The following modal auxiliary verbs are followed by the infinitive without *to*: *can*, *could*, *may*, *might*, *must*, *shall*, *should*, *will*, *would*:

When travelling, we should respect the customs of the countries we visit. (not *should-to-respect*; *should-respecting*)

Modal verbs form questions and negatives without using *do*:

Can I help you? (not: *Do I can help you?*)

Will you meet me when I arrive? (not *Do you will meet me?*)

You mustn't worry about me. (not *You do not must worry about me.*)

When we talk about obligation or necessity using *have* or *need*, we use *to + infinitive*:

I have to finish my assignment this weekend.

I need to talk to you.

In questions and negatives, *have to* and *need to* behave like normal verbs and we use *do*:

Do you have to pay extra for breakfast? (not *have you to pay*)

They said I don't need to bring my own sleeping bag. (not *I needn't to bring*)

2 Correct the mistake below.



3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences below.

- 1 Nowadays, you can to find internet facilities in most hotels.
- 2 We do not should accept this situation any longer.
- 3 If we want to fix this problem, we must trying our best to change our attitude.
- 4 We haven't to stop using cars altogether but we do have to use them less often.
- 5 Do we can solve the problem of greenhouse gases in our lifetime?
- 6 Need you to take any food and drink with you, or are there shops there?
- 7 'Paula, you really must to study harder if you want to pass the exam.'
- 8 In my school, we have to left our mobile phones at home.