

MODAL VERBS

CAN

• EXPRESS ABILITY

Affirmative:

Frogs can jump high.

Negative:

Frogs can't sing.

Interrogative:

Can frogs fly? No, they can't.



• EXPRESS POSSIBILITY

Can you see me tonight?



• EXPRESS PERMISSION

Can I go to the concert?

-Yes, you can./No, you can't.

MUST

• EXPRESS OBLIGATION

You must wear a helmet when you ride a motorbike.



SHOULD

• EXPRESS ADVICE/OPINION

You mustn't shout in the library.



HAVE TO

• EXPRESS OBLIGATION/NECESSITY

Affirmative:

I have to clean the kitchen. It's dirty!

Tim has to be home by eight.

Negative:

You don't have to clean the kitchen. I have already done it.

Meg doesn't have to be home by six. Her parents are generous.

Interrogative:

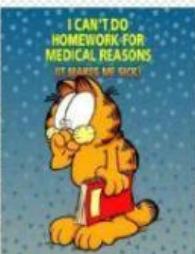
Do we have to wear a dress?

-No, it's not a formal party.

Does she have to travel by bus?

-No, she can walk there.

I Read the grammar guide carefully. Match the information about the modal verb 'can', on the left, with the pictures on the right. Write the correct number.



II Complete with the information from the grammar guide. Then translate.

1 You **should** visit your uncle. He misses you.

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2 We **must** recycle to save the planet!

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3 Meg **has to** clean her room. It's a mess!

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4 You **mustn't** smoke in this building.

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5 Kim **doesn't have to** study. He's a genius!

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6 You **can** buy milk in the corner shop.

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7 Can I use your laptop, please?

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8 Do I **have to** come to the meeting?

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9 You really **shouldn't** smoke.

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10 Not all birds **can** fly.

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permission

III Circle the correct option.

1 You **can't** / **don't have to** water the flowers because it is raining.

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2 We **must** / **mustn't** hurry. I don't want to be late again.

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3 Tim **must** / **doesn't have to** go to school tomorrow because it's Sunday.

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4 **Can** / **should** you help me with my homework, please?

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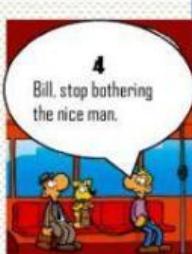
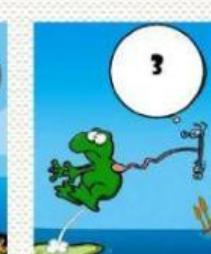
5 I **must** / **can't** go out tonight. I'm babysitting my little cousins.

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6 You **shouldn't** / **mustn't** listen to music on your mp3 player when you drive a car.

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IV Complete the missing letters to form modal verbs.



1 Penguins **can** 't fly, or **can** they?

2 Look, I know we **must** **help** them but **must** we do THAT?

3 Yes, I **can** ! I just **can** **be** faster.

4 Dogs **can** **travel** in public transports.