

GRAMMAR

Modal verb review

1 Circle the most suitable words.

- 1 You **can't** / **shouldn't** smoke in public buildings.
- 2 In our school we **have to** / **ought to** wear a uniform.
- 3 I **should** / **need to** leave a little earlier today. I have a dental appointment.
- 4 You **can** / **have to** travel by train or by bus.
- 5 You **don't have to** / **mustn't** shout! My little brother's asleep.
- 6 If you want to lose weight, you **can** / **should** do more exercise.

2 Match the sentences from exercise 1 to functions A–E.

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| A obligation | — |
| B necessity | — |
| C recommendation | — |
| D prohibition | — / — |
| E possibility | — |



3 Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

- 1 After school I often have to _____.
- 2 In class we can _____, but we can't _____.
- 3 At weekends I don't have to _____.
- 4 If I want to improve my English, I should _____.
- 5 If I don't want to make my parents angry, I mustn't _____.

4 Rewrite the sentences so they have a similar meaning. Use *can* / *should* / *need to* / *have to* / *must* / *ought to*, in the affirmative or negative.

- 1 It's a bad idea to go out late the night before an exam.
You _____.
- 2 It's not necessary for us to wear a uniform.
We _____.
- 3 It's obligatory for bikers to put on a helmet.
Bikers _____.
- 4 If you are under 18, you are not allowed to drive.
If you are under 18, you _____.
- 5 I advise you to learn some Japanese before you go there on holiday.
You _____.
- 6 It's optional for students to choose a second language.
Students _____.