

GRAMMAR

Modal verbs: *can*, *have to* and *must*

Can I borrow one of your dresses? (Is it OK?)

You **can** read a poem. (It's OK.)

You **can't** refuse. (It isn't OK.)

Do I **have to** sing a song? (Is it necessary?)

You **have to** try. (It's necessary.)

You **don't have to** sing a song. (It isn't necessary.)

You **mustn't** say 'yeah'. (Don't!)

1 ● Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.

- I **can't** come round to see you tonight because my mum wants me to tidy my room.
- We **can** use smartphones to go online.
- You **can** borrow my tablet if you want.
- Can** we look in the dictionary during the test?
- I **can't** learn to drive now because I'm too young.
- My brother **can** watch TV until 11 p.m., but I **can't**. That's not fair!

2 ● Order the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

- Do you **have to leave** (leave/have/to) soon?
- My mum **gets up** (has/get/to/up) early.
- I **tidy my room** (to/don't/tidy/have) my room.
- Does your dad **cooks** (cook/have/to) every day?
- My dog **sleeps outside** (doesn't/sleep/have/to) outside.
- Do you **help with** (have/help/to) with the housework?

3 ● Choose the correct answer.

- We **can** give in this work before Thursday. We've got three days!
a mustn't b don't have to c can't
- You **mustn't** shout at your brother. He didn't do anything.
a mustn't b don't have to c can't
- I **can't** go on that website because I haven't got a password.
a mustn't b don't have to c can't
- You **can't** join the photography club because it's full.
a mustn't b don't have to c can't
- Olly **can't** work at the supermarket next weekend. It's a holiday.
a mustn't b doesn't have to c can't
- You **mustn't** touch that key. It deletes everything!
a mustn't b don't have to c can

4 ● Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap.

A: Hi! Do you have ¹**to** work this weekend?

B: No, I ²**can't**. I haven't got any work, so I ³**can** do what I want! Why?

A: It's my birthday and I ⁴**can** invite two friends to stay! Would you like to come?

B: Cool! Yes, please.

A: Can your sister Elise come too?

B: No, I'm afraid she ⁵**can't**. She was late home last week and now she ⁶**can't** stay home and help with the housework!

A: That's a shame. How long ⁷**can** she have to do that for?

B: Only for a week. Anyway – I ⁸**have** to go now. I ⁹**must** get to my next lesson.

