

4 GRAMMAR obligation, necessity, prohibition, advice

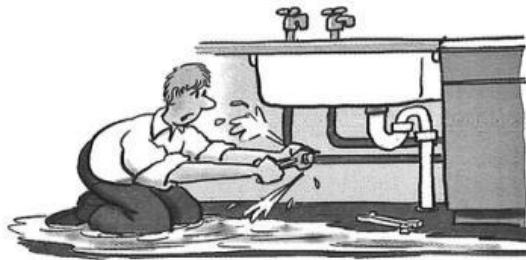
a Circle the correct form. Tick (✓) if both are possible.

HOME REPAIRS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO YOURSELF

Some home repairs are easy and you ¹don't have to / needn't ✓ consult an expert. But there are others that you ²must / ought not to try yourself. The following will help you make the right decision when you're thinking of doing a job.

PLUMBING REPAIRS

You ³don't have to / mustn't call a plumber to do minor repairs, like changing a tap. You can probably do it yourself. But you ⁴should / ought to get in an expert for more complicated jobs. If not, you might flood your house.



b Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Contractions count as one word.

- 1 It isn't a good idea to drill a hole near a water pipe.
You shouldn't drill a hole near a water pipe.
- 2 In some countries, it's prohibited to make a noise after 10.00 p.m.
In some countries, you _____ after 10.00 p.m.
- 3 Builders are obliged to wear a helmet on a building site.
Builders _____ on a building site.
- 4 It isn't necessary for me to decorate my room because I did it last year.
I _____ my room because I did it last year.
- 5 It's a good idea to keep a torch in your car.
You _____ a torch in your car.
- 6 We aren't obliged to pay any bills because everything is included in the rent.
We _____ any bills because everything is included in the rent.
- 7 In my country, it's compulsory to take used batteries to a recycling point.
In my country, you _____ to a recycling point.
- 8 It's dangerous to let children play with matches.
You _____ with matches.

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

You ⁵must / have to switch off the power before doing any small electrical repairs.

You ⁶should / must be a qualified electrician to make any changes to the electrical system, so don't even think of doing this yourself.

ROOFING REPAIRS

You ⁷don't have to / ought not to go up on the roof alone, because you might fall off and injure yourself.

However, if you simply want to check something, you ⁸should / ought to always have a helper to hold the bottom of a ladder so that it doesn't suddenly move.

GAS APPLIANCE REPAIRS

You probably ⁹don't need to / needn't call an expert to move your gas oven.

But you ¹⁰mustn't / don't need to install a new water heater yourself. Gas leaks kill hundreds of people every year.

5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to five people talking about DIY disasters. Answer the questions.

When the disaster happened, which speakers...

- 1 hadn't started doing any DIY? _____
- 2 were in the process of doing DIY? _____
- 3 had just finished doing some DIY? _____

b Listen again and match speakers 1–5 to sentences A–F. There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

A He / She changed their mind about doing some DIY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
B He / She hasn't done any DIY since the disaster.	<input type="checkbox"/>
C He / She had to put the DIY off to another day.	<input type="checkbox"/>
D He / She was injured while they were doing DIY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
E He / She managed to find a solution to the DIY disaster.	<input type="checkbox"/>
F He / She was secretly pleased that the DIY had failed.	<input type="checkbox"/>

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn the words and phrases.

scratch /skrætʃ/	remove /rɪ'mu:v/
drop /drɒp/	check out (verb) /tʃek 'aut/
plug something in /plæg səmθɪŋ 'ɪn/	rub /rʌb/
amplify /'æmplifai/	polish (verb) /'polɪʃ/
twist /twɪst/	wipe /waip/