Modals for Necessity and Suggestion

1. Describing Necessity

Use these when something is **required** or **obligatory**.



- **Must / Have to:** *Used for strong obligations or rules.*
  - *Example:* "You **must** have a passport."
- **Need to:** *Used when something is necessary for a specific purpose.*
  - *Example:* "You **need to** be 18 to enter."
- **Don't have to:** *Used when there is no obligation (it is optional).*
  - *Example:* "You **don't have to** speak English."

2. Giving Suggestions

Use these to give **advice** or **your opinion** on what is a good idea.



- **Should / Ought to:** *General advice.*
  - ***Example***: "You **should** go to the main square" or "You **ought to** keep your passport safe."
- **Had better ('d better):** *Strong advice; often implies a negative consequence if not followed.*
  - ***Example***: "You'd better avoid street food. (or you might get sick)."
- **Shouldn't:** *Advice against doing something.*
  - ***Example***: "You **shouldn't** carry a lot of clothes."

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Exercise 1: ***Choose the correct modal to complete the travel tips.***

must	don't have to	'd better	shouldn't	ought to

1. You _____ check the weather before you pack your clothes.
2. In this country, you _____ drive on the left side of the road. It's the law!
3. You _____ walk alone late at night in that neighborhood; it's a bit dangerous.
4. You _____ bring an umbrella; it's the dry season and it never rains.
5. You _____ hurry! The gate closes in 5 minutes or you'll miss the flight.

Exercise 2: ***Select the most appropriate option.***

1. To enter the museum, you **(have to / shouldn't)** buy a ticket.
2. If you want to see the best views, you **(don't have to / should)** hike up the hill.
3. You **('d better / need to)** be careful with your phone in crowded areas.
4. You **(must / ought to)** show your passport at the border. It is mandatory.

Exercise 3: ***Read the situation and write a suggestion using "should" or "shouldn't".***

1. **Situation:** "I have a very bad sunburn."

   Advice: _____

2. **Situation:** "I want to learn the local language quickly."

   Advice: _____

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