

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."



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

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