



Practice Worksheet: Unit 5 (Modals of Ability, Advice, and Obligation)

Part 1: Ability and Advice (can, can't, could, be able to, should, shouldn't, ought to)

Circle or write the correct modal verb to complete each sentence.

1. She is an amazing linguist; she _____ speak four different languages fluently. (can / ought to)
2. When I was younger, I _____ run 10 kilometers without getting tired, but not anymore! (could / should)
3. You look terrible! You really _____ see a doctor about that cough. (ought to / are able to)
4. I am taking driving lessons, so I hope to _____ pass my test next month. (can / be able to)
5. If you want to lose weight, you _____ eat so much fast food. (shouldn't / can't)
6. _____ you help me carry these heavy boxes upstairs, please? (Can / Ought to)
7. I'd love to _____ play the guitar as well as you do. (can / be able to)
8. You _____ stretch before you start exercising to avoid injury. (should / could)

Part 2: Obligation, Prohibition, and Lack of Necessity (must, mustn't, have to, don't have to, need to, don't need to)

Choose the correct option to complete the rules and situations.

9. At my new job, we _____ wear a strict uniform. Everyone wears a white shirt and black trousers. (have to / don't need to)
10. We _____ hurry. The movie doesn't start for another 45 minutes. (don't have to / mustn't)
11. You _____ use your mobile phone during the exam. If you do, you will fail. (mustn't / don't have to)
12. I have a terrible toothache. I _____ call the dentist and make an appointment today. (must / mustn't)
13. He _____ wake up early on Saturdays because he doesn't have school or work. (doesn't have to / mustn't)
14. All passengers _____ show their passports before boarding the airplane. (must / don't need to)
15. We _____ buy any more eggs; there are plenty in the fridge. (don't need to / mustn't)
16. You _____ remember to take your medication with food. It's very important. (need to / don't have to)

Part 3: Mixed Modals (Choose the best option)

Read the sentences and choose the most appropriate modal verb from the brackets.

17. I'm sorry, but I _____ come to your party next weekend because I am going away with my family. (can't / shouldn't / mustn't)
18. In the UK, you _____ drive on the left side of the road by law. (ought to / have to / can)
19. You _____ tell anyone my secret. Please promise me you will keep it quiet! (don't have to / mustn't / couldn't)
20. She _____ finish the essay tonight because the teacher extended the deadline to next week. (doesn't need to / mustn't / shouldn't)