

1 GRAMMAR

Willingness, obligation and necessity

a Complete the text using the words in the box.

aren't really expected are vital English is mandatory
has had to was required must do is essential
should be is called upon

Samya is a very rare person. At the age of twenty-seven she is a pilot with Emirates, one of the world's fastest growing airlines. Globally, only 3% of pilots are female, so Samya ¹ has had to show great courage and determination to realise her dream of flying passengers all over the planet.

'Women ² _____ to be in the cockpit,' she says, 'particularly in this part of the world.'

So how did she make it? For her twenty-first birthday present she was given flying lessons and within six months she had been accepted onto the Emirates pilot training scheme. A lot of hard work ³ _____ but she made good progress and got a lot of support from her male classmates.

'A pilot ⁴ _____ to make a lot of quick decisions and a calm manner ⁵ _____, particularly when flying in bad weather,' Samya goes on. 'Good communication skills ⁶ _____ because you are constantly in communication with your co-pilot and air-traffic control, for which good knowledge of ⁷ _____. Many passengers are surprised to see that Samya is their pilot and this adds a little pressure. 'As a woman I feel I ⁸ _____ an even better job so that I make a good impression not just for the airline but for my gender. I feel there ⁹ _____ more female pilots and that I am a role model for girls who might want to follow the same career.'



b Underline the correct words to complete the text.

I know a lot of people think my job working on a trawler is quite dangerous but my employers ¹ are intended / are required / must to do a thorough risk assessment to make sure it is as safe as possible. We are away for up to two weeks at a time because we are ² expected / known / wanted to come back to port only when we have caught our target weight of fish. We ³ are / have to / need work twelve to fourteen hours a day and an ability to work even when seasick is ⁴ definite / optional / mandatory. Strength and good balance are ⁵ fine / essential / useless and ⁶ you can / you've got / you must to be able to work as part of a team. Sleeping facilities are limited so a willingness to share bunks is ⁷ good / needy / vital. We live and work in close proximity to each other so a good sense of humour is also a ⁸ rule / use / requirement.

