

# language focus

## modals

The words **should**, **must** and **have to** are modals of obligation. We use them to give advice and tell people what to do.

We use **must** and **should** to give our own personal opinion. Must is stronger than should.

We use **have to** when there is a general rule or law and not our own personal opinion.

I **have to** wear my seat belt when I drive.  
(A general rule or law.)

I **don't have to** go to school today.  
(A general law or rule.)

You **must** go and see the doctor.  
(A strong personal opinion.)

You **mustn't** arrive late.  
(A strong personal opinion.)

# 1

## Must or have to?

Look at the following sentences and decide if the advice is based on personal opinion or a general law. Write **must** or **have to** in the space provided.

- 1** You  drive on the right in Oman.
- 2** My hair is very dirty. I  wash it.
- 3** They  buy a permit for the Damaniyat Islands.
- 4** I  go shopping. There is no food in the house!
- 5** I think we  protect our oceans.
- 6** We  stay at work until 4 o'clock.