

# Modal verbs

Choose the most suitable word or phrase underlined.

- a. There's someone at the door. It ought to be/must be the postman.
- b. Don't worry, you don't have to/ mustn't pay your drink now.
- c. Sorry, I can't stay any longer. I have to go/might go.
- d. It was 5 o'clock an hour ago. Your watch can't be/mustn't be right
- e. Let's tell Diana. She should not/might not know = it is unlikely/unprobable that  
she knows
- f. In my opinion, the town hall might do/should do something to reduce pollution.
- g. Helen must / can be at home now. The lights are on.
- h. You don't have to / mustn't wear your face mask at home.
- i. When I first came to London I could / couldn't speak only a few words of English.
- j. She can / can't be Italian with a name like Smith!
- k. I may / can't be able to come. =it is possible that I come
- l. It may / must be cold tomorrow.= it is possible that it is cold
- m. Irene should/ might come tomorrow. She's not sure yet.
- n. We don't have to/ mustn't bring your books to class because we're not using them  
anymore.