

# Talking about health problems

## 1. Who's who? Write the names under the pictures.



A



D



E



G



H



I



B



C



F



J

You **should** go to the doctor tomorrow.

**Shall** we buy Mary a hat?

He **may** be waiting for us at the airport.

John **might** have a cold. I am not sure.

I **can** swim but I **can't** play the piano.

I **could** swim when I was five years old.

You **must** wear a mask when you go out.

You **mustn't** drive a car without a license.

You **have to** study harder!

## 2. Read the sentences next to the chart and complete: Suggestion (2), Ability, Possibility (2), Prohibition, Past Ability, Strong recommendation, Obligation

Modal verb	To express
Should	
Shall	Suggestion
May	Possibility
Might	
Can	
Could	
Must	
Must not	
Have to	

3. Look at these health problems. Match the problem with the advice.

PROBLEMS	ADVICE / SUGGESTION
1. A toothache	a. Take some aspirin.
2. A backache	b. Go to bed and rest.
3. A sore throat	c. Dress light clothing
4. A headache	d. See the dentist.
5. A cold	e. Drink warm liquids.
6. A cough	f. Take some vitamin C.
7. A fever	g. See the doctor.



4. According to your match write sentences using “**should**” and invent one with “**shouldn’t**”.

a) When you have a toothache, you **should** see the dentist and you **shouldn’t** eat any candies.....

b) .....

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c) .....

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d) .....

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e) .....

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f) .....

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g) .....

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**5. Paraphrase the sentences with MAY/ MIGHT to express POSSIBILITY.**

a) Perhaps Bob is at home but I'm not sure.

Bob might be at home.

Remember that the verb next to a modal verb is in the **base form** (be, go etc.).

b) Try this delicious drink: perhaps you will like it.

Don't  
**FORGET!**

c) Perhaps there is a chance for Tom to win the match.



d) Perhaps Peter has a cold.

e) Don't call Jane. Perhaps she is preparing for exams.

f) If they don't miss the train they will arrive on time.

**6. Complete with CAN/ CAN'T / COULD / COULDN'T.**

a) When Larry was a young man, he \_\_\_\_\_ run fast.

b) She \_\_\_\_\_ walk because she has broken her leg.

c) My father is very talented. He \_\_\_\_\_ paint very well.

d) When Susan was three years old, she \_\_\_\_\_ read and write.

e) Birds \_\_\_\_\_ fly but tigers can't.