

MODALS OF OBLIGATION AND ABILITY

Exercise 1: Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences

1. You **shouldn't/ couldn't** eat so much sugar – it isn't good for you.
2. You **have to/ can** pass your driving test before you can drive a car.
3. The flat is so messy – I really **had to/ must** tidy!
4. The weather was really bad, so we **have to/ had to** cancel the game.
5. It's quite an informal evening, so you **should/ don't have to** wear formal clothes
6. It's a secret, so you **don't have to/ mustn't** tell anyone.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with the correct form of MAKE or LET

1. The film was so sad – it me cry!
2. They opened all the cages and the animals escape.
3. I'm sorry, I can't come to the party – my parents won't me!
4. The play had already started, so they us wait until the interval before they allowed us in.
5. Talking to someone about my problems always me feel better.
6. I don't have my phone with me, but I'm sure Mark will me borrow his.

Exercise 3: Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. I _____ wait over an hour for a bus, so I didn't get home until late.
A. must B. had C. was able to

2. I looked everywhere for my bag, but I _____ find it.
A. couldn't B. didn't have to C. will be able to

3. These trainers are really old now. – I _____ get some new ones.
A. had to B. let me C. Must

4. I'm really unfit – I _____ do more exercise.
A. need to B. shouldn't C. let me

5. Harry _____ laugh when he talks in that silly voice.
A. makes me B. lets me C. couldn't

6. This bag is really heavy - _____ help me with it?
A. must you B. do you have to C. can you

7. Luckily, I _____ get some tickets online, so we went to the concert.
A. could B. was able to C. should

8. Slow down – you _____ drive so fast!
A. have to B. shouldn't C. won't be able to

Exercise 4: Complete the online posts by adding one word in each gap. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

Do you like a bit of danger on holiday?

Share your extreme holiday photos and tell us about your experiences!

Last summer I visited El Caminito Del Rey in Spain. It's a really narrow, scary path on the side of a mountain. They ¹ _____ to close it for a while a few years ago, because there were so many accidents, but it's now open again so tourists ² _____ walk along it. It's definitely something you ³ _____ try – if you're brave enough!

I'm in Argentina at the moment, near the Iguazu Falls. There are boat trips for tourists that go really close to the bottom of the waterfall. Just thinking about it ⁴ _____ me feel really scared, but I'm going to do it anyway! I hope I will be ⁵ _____ to get some good photos!

Last year my brother tried the Cage of Death in Australia. I was keen to have a go, but the company wouldn't ⁶ _____ me do it because I'm not a good enough swimmer! You ⁷ _____ to climb into a clear plastic box and they lower you into a pool full of angry crocodiles. The crocodiles swam right up to my brother, and I bet he was really pleased they ⁸ _____ able to bite through the box!