

MODALS

1 Choose the correct word.

- 1 **Could/Should** you turn on the light? It's getting dark in here.
- 2 You **must/may** be joking. No one could eat so many cakes.
- 3 I **have to/ could** go to the bank. I'm out of money.
- 4 It's Sunday tomorrow. You **mustn't/needn't** wake up early.
- 5 **Should/May** I borrow the car tonight, please?
- 6 That **mustn't/can't** be his mother. She looks so young.
- 7 I **might/can** come later but I'm not sure.

2 What do the modal verbs in bold express?

- **prohibition**
- **absence of necessity**
- **obligation**
- **necessity**
- **possibility**
- **request**
- **advice**
- **asking for permission**

- 1 You **mustn't** dump rubbish here.
- 2 I think it **might** snow soon.
- 3 **Could** I turn the light off, please?
- 4 We **should** plant more trees.
- 5 You **needn't** come to work in the morning.
- 6 You **must** fill out this form first.
- 7 We **have to** reduce waste.
- 8 May I have your name, please?

3. Complete the sentences using: must, mustn't, (don't) have to, can't, should(n't).

1. You _____ walk the dog again. John walked him an hour ago.
2. You look very pale. You _____ take some aspirin and go to bed.
3. I'm afraid you _____ park here.
4. This is an old-fashioned school. All students _____ wear a uniform.
5. Look at this phone bill! I really _____ try to make fewer phone calls.
6. You _____ be loud during the lesson.
7. I can't meet my friends in the evening because I _____ do my homework.