

Modal Verbs B1

Fill in with **needn't**, **didn't need to** or **needn't have** + verb, in the correct form.

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1. I (take) any money to the museum, but I hadn't realised it was free.
2. Since we knew there would be a celebration at school on Friday, we (bring) our books with us.
3. We had almost finished our project by Friday, so we (work) too hard at the weekend.
4. We (clean) our rooms today. Mum says we can do it at the weekend.
5. Sheila (get) a taxi to the party. I could have driven her.
6. You (carry) all these boxes by yourself. You can ask for help.

Choose and circle.

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1. You mustn't / wouldn't make any noise in here.
2. May / Can you send this email for me, please?
3. You needn't / aren't able to explain the exercise to me. It's easy.
4. Hal must / had to get the bus home last night.
5. Ryan mustn't / can't be at home. He's in Spain.
6. They were able to / could catch the thief last night.
7. You mustn't / don't have to go in there. It's private.
8. Tom will / might be ill. He wasn't at school today.
9. We would / should often travel abroad in the past.
10. I hope I won't have to / mustn't go there tomorrow.
11. You look tired. I will / would make you a cup of tea.
12. Jo would / ought to rest more. She's too stressed.

Fill in the synonymous sentences using one of the words in brackets.

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1. Perhaps uncle Andrew will come with us. (might / ought to)
Uncle Andrew with us.
2. It would be a good idea to study for your test. (may / should)
You for your test.
3. Little Tom managed to dress himself today. (was able to / could)
Little Tom himself today.
4. Mrs Riley is definitely over seventy. (can't / must)
Mrs Riley over seventy.
5. Mum won't let us go out on weekdays. (mustn't / needn't)
We on weekdays.
6. Davy didn't talk until he was three. (couldn't / shouldn't)
Davy until he was three.