## 14 Modal Verbs

**Should (=it is a good idea)/Shouldn't (= it isn't a good idea) are used to offer advice.**

A: My tooth hurts.
B: You **should** see a dentist. You **shouldn't** eat sweets.

**16** **Give advice to the people in the pictures. Then match the pictures to the sentences.**

1 **have / toothache / see / dentist**
A: I have a toothache.
B: You should see a dentist.

2 **have / temperature / visit / doctor**
A: .....
B: .....

3 **have / stomach ache / not / eat too many sweets**
A: .....
B: .....

4 **have / headache / take / aspirin**
A: .....
B: .....




**17** **Circle the correct item.**

1 You **shouldn't** / **can** eat so much fast food.
2 Jane **shouldn't** / **should** go out tonight. She has a test tomorrow.
3 I **should** / **shouldn't** exercise more. It's good for me.
4 Doctors say we **should** / **could** eat a lot of fruit
5 James **can't** / **shouldn't** drive so fast. He may have an accident.
6 He has a cold. He **shouldn't** / **should** stay at home.

GAME

### COMPETITION

**Listen to the problem your teacher has. In teams, give him/her as much advice as you can. Each correct sentence gets a point.**

Teacher: I have a sore throat.
Team A, Student A: You should see a doctor.
Teacher: You get 1 point.
Team B, Student A: You shouldn't eat ice cream.
Teacher: Excellent! You get 1 point, etc.



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**Could/May are used to show that something is possible.**
There are clouds in the sky. It **could/may** rain. (it's possible)

**Could/May are also used to ask for permission politely.**
**Could I** use your dictionary? **May I** use your computer?

## 18 Fill in the gaps with *must* or *may*. Then act out the exchanges.

1 A: You ...*must*... be careful when you cross the street.
B: I know, Mum.

2 A: What are you doing this evening?
B: I'm not sure. I ..... go to the cinema.

3 A: Are you busy?
B: Yes. I ..... finish this project tonight.

4 A: Can I go to John's party, Dad?
B: You can but you ..... be home early.

5 A: Are you coming with us to the beach?
B: I ..... come but I don't know yet.

6 A: We ..... have a barbecue next week.
B: Oh, that's great! Call me when you know for sure.

## 19 Underline the correct word.

1 Good morning. How **can** / **must** I help you?
2 Frank **may** / **must** be late this evening.
3 I'm sorry. You **can't** / **couldn't** park here.
4 **Could** / **Must** I sit here, please?
5 **May** / **Must** I borrow your pen, please?
6 I **must** / **can't** go to the hospital. I feel ill.

## 20 Replace the words in bold with the correct modal, as in the example.

1 Kate **is able to** use the computer. ⇨ Kate *can use the computer*.
2 You **are forbidden to** eat or drink in class. ⇨ You .....
3 You **are obliged to** tidy your room at the weekend. ⇨ You .....
4 **It's a good idea to** eat a lot of vegetables. ⇨ You .....
5 **There's a possibility** it will snow tonight. ⇨ It .....

## Writing Activity

**Write four things you *may* do next weekend.**

1 I may go to the cinema with my friends.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....



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