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## 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.

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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.



A

2 have / temperature / visit / doctor

A:

B:



B

3 have / stomach ache / not / eat too many sweets

A:

B:



C 1

4 have / headache / take / aspirin

A:

B:



D

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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.



### 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.

**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 .....