

Permission, prohibition & obligation

- 1 Robert's grandmother is looking after him this weekend and his mum has written a note with the rules. Choose the correct words to complete them.

He ¹ **can** / **mustn't** stay in bed late on Saturday morning if he wants to. He ² **is allowed to** / **can't** play his favourite video games online, but there's a time limit of two hours a day. He ³ **can** / **mustn't** also have friends round if he likes. He ⁴ **isn't allowed to** / **can** watch TV downstairs, but he ⁵ **can** / **isn't** allowed to use his mobile phone or tablet in his room or he'll be on a screen all weekend. He ⁶ **is allowed to** / **mustn't** go to the park to play football if he wants to. He ⁷ **is allowed to** / **can't** go to bed late on Saturday night, but he ⁸ **is allowed to** / **mustn't** be in bed later than 9 p.m. on Sunday. Thanks, Mum.

- 2 Complete the sentences with (not) be allowed to, can / can't or mustn't. Sometimes, more than one answer is possible.

- 1 We _____ wear jeans to school. It's against the rules.
- 2 I _____ meet you this afternoon. I've got a piano lesson.
- 3 You _____ talk behind people's backs. It's rude.
- 4 _____ (you) stay out late on weekdays?
- 5 I _____ to watch TV till 9 p.m.
- 6 I'm trying to lose weight so I _____ have snacks.

- 3 Complete the text with the correct option.

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We have so many rules at school. We ¹ **a** be in class before 8 a.m. There's a canteen so we ² _____ to bring our lunch, but if we do, we ³ _____ eat in the classroom. We ⁴ _____ use our mobile phones in class and all students ⁵ _____ go out to the playground during the break. One good thing is that we ⁶ _____ wear a school uniform. I guess I'm lucky because I get to wear what I like. Some of my friends in other schools ⁷ _____ wear a uniform. They say it's boring to wear the same clothes every day. But at least they ⁸ _____ to choose the clothes every morning!

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| 1 a must | b don't have | c mustn't |
| 2 a mustn't | b don't have to | c have to |
| 3 a have to | b don't have to | c mustn't |
| 4 a have to | b mustn't | c must |
| 5 a mustn't | b don't have to | c have to |
| 6 a have to | b must | c don't have to |
| 7 a mustn't | b must | c don't have to |
| 8 a have to | b must | c don't have to |

- 4 Complete the forum post with the words in the box. There is one word you don't need.

are allowed aren't allowed can
can't must mustn't

How strict is your school?

In my school there are a lot of rules, and some are unfair. We ¹ _____ to talk to other students during lessons, and we ² _____ shout out answers and questions. We ³ _____ to bring our phones to school, which is great. One good thing is that we ⁴ _____ wear what we want. We ⁵ _____ look scruffy or wear really weird clothes.