



Modal verbs of obligation, prohibition and advice

1a Look at the sentences.

- You **don't have to** have any qualifications to be a rickshaw driver.
- But you **have to** be fit and strong.
- Shop assistants **should** treat their customers well.
- I **mustn't** tell them who I really am.
- You **must** check all the equipment very carefully.
- Some say that we **shouldn't** be on the streets because we're dangerous.

1b Which sentence(s) express:

- obligation? b/e
- no obligation?
- prohibition?
- advice or a recommendation?

1c What type of word comes after **must**, **mustn't**, **should**, **shouldn't**, **have to**, **don't have to**?

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2a PRONUNCIATION The letter 'l' is silent in the word 'should' – we do not pronounce it. Look at these sentences. Which letters do you think are silent in each sentence? Cross the letter(s) out.

- Firefighters should be calm.
- You **mustn't** talk to the bus driver.
- Discipline can be important.
- My science teacher comes to school at half past eight.
- Fashion designers **shouldn't** copy other people's designs.
- He works as a guide at the castle on the island.

2b 43 Listen, check and repeat.

3 Use **should** and **shouldn't** to give advice to these people. Use the pictures to help you. Then write one more sentence with **should** or **shouldn't** for each picture.

- I want to be a tour guide.
You should ...
- I want to be a chef.
You should ...
- I want to be a doctor.
You should ...
- I want to be a scientist.
You shouldn't ...



4 Choose the correct alternative. If you think both alternatives are correct, choose both.

- You must/have to learn to play an instrument if you want to be a professional musician.
- Builders mustn't/don't have to work in an office.
- Doctors mustn't/don't have to tell secrets about their patients' health.
- Do you must/have to wear a uniform in your job?
- People who work in banks must/have to do a lot of paperwork.
- A firefighter has to/have to work in a team.
- An architect mustn't/doesn't have to be fit to do his or her job.
- My sister must deal/deals with the public in her job.

5 Rewrite each sentence using a modal verb of obligation, prohibition or advice.

- 1 It is not necessary to have experience to do the job.

You don't have to have experience to do the job.

- 2 It is obligatory for builders to wear hard hats here.

Builders _____.

- 3 It is a good idea for Frank to work in the summer.

Frank _____.

- 4 In our school, teachers are not allowed to wear jeans.

In our school, _____.

- 5 It isn't a good idea to wear very informal clothes for a job interview.

You _____.

- 6 It is not obligatory for our receptionists to speak French.

Our receptionists _____.

- 7 It is essential for Karen to be calm in her job.

Karen _____.

6a SPEAKING Look at the photos and choose a job. Make a note of things you *have to*/*don't have to*/*must*/*mustn't*/*should*/*shouldn't* do in this job.



6b Work with a partner. Describe the job. Can your partner guess what it is?

You have to work at the weekend. You have to work in a team. You should learn other languages in case you go to play in a different country. You shouldn't eat fast food. You must be ambitious if you want to win competitions.

Is it a football player?

Yes, it is.