

9.1 GRAMMAR

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

A Work in small groups. Complete the descriptions of each college with the correct form of the modals of necessity.

Free College

We believe that you ¹ _____ (have to / be) a great student to be successful at our college. It is important that you develop all your skills, including social and physical skills, so you ² _____ (need to / have) a strong character and believe in yourself. You ³ _____ (need to / have) a very high level of English because we have an academic English program here and provide a lot of help. However, you ⁴ _____ (must / go) to these English classes as you ⁵ _____ (have to / do) your final research project in English.

The International College

All our subjects are in English, so you ⁶ _____ (have to / know) English very well. Therefore, students ⁷ _____ (must / pass) our own English test to enter the college. The system is very strict and you ⁸ _____ (have to / attend) at least 90 percent of the classes to pass. Students also ⁹ _____ (need to / study) another foreign language because we believe that languages connect people, and you ¹⁰ _____ (must / be) able to speak to people in their own language.

College of the Future

Education is about choices, so you don't ¹¹ _____ (have to / go) to any of our lessons. Students are adults and ¹² _____ (must / make) their own decisions. Also, you don't ¹³ _____ (need to / take) any of the exams at the end of the year – that's up to you. This college is not for everybody. You ¹⁴ _____ (must / be) very independent, and you ¹⁵ _____ (have to / have) excellent time-management skills, but it offers a very special learning experience.

B Discuss which college would be better for these four students:

Zoe is clever, but she is not very hardworking and needs people to tell her what to do. She knows English quite well, but her speaking is not very good. She wants to make friends at college and have a great time.

Felipe wants to choose the college and major that is easiest for him. He learned German at school and doesn't know English at all. He is not sure if college is for him, but he is going to try.

Paula is shy and not very sociable. However, she is very intelligent, and although she doesn't know English very well, she has a talent for languages and could learn it quickly.

Alonso has decided to go to college after he worked in his mother's shop for five years. He knew English well when he finished school but has forgotten a lot. He wants to get a good education and go back to his mother's business.