

MODAL VERBS FOR PERMISSION, OBLIGATION & PROHIBITION

School Rules and Everyday School Situations • can • can't • have to • have got to • be allowed to

Name: _____

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Topic: Modal Verbs

PART 1 — VOCABULARY — LOOK AND MATCH

Look at the pictures below. Each picture shows a school rule or activity.

 A	 B	 C	 D
 E	 F	 G	 H
 I	 J	 K	 L

Now match each word with the correct letter (A–L). Write the letter in the blank.

1.	use the computer	_____	7.	arrive on time	_____
2.	wear a uniform	_____	8.	eat in the classroom	_____
3.	raise your hand	_____	9.	clean the classroom	_____
4.	run in the hallway	_____	10.	use a cellphone	_____
5.	do homework	_____	11.	bring school supplies	_____
6.	be quiet	_____	12.	listen to the teacher	_____

PART 2 — PERMISSION, OBLIGATION, OR PROHIBITION?

Read the explanations and examples below.

PERMISSION

Something you ARE ALLOWED to do.

Example: You can use the computer in the library.

OBLIGATION

Something you MUST do.

Example: Students have to wear a uniform.

PROHIBITION

Something you are NOT ALLOWED to do.

Example: You can't use your cellphone in class.

Now read each situation. Is it PERMISSION, OBLIGATION, or PROHIBITION? Write your answer in the blank.

	SITUATION	PERMISSION / OBLIGATION / PROHIBITION
	1. You can use the computer in the library.	_____
	2. Students have to wear a uniform.	_____
	3. You can't use your cellphone in class.	_____
	4. Students have to do their homework every day.	_____
	5. You can raise your hand to answer.	_____
	6. Students can't run in the hallway.	_____

PART 3 — CHOOSE THE CORRECT MODAL

Circle the correct answer: a, b, or c.



1. During an exam, students _____ use their cellphones.

- a) can b) can't c) have to



2. Students _____ arrive at school on time every day.

- a) can b) can't c) have to



3. In the library, you _____ talk loudly.

- a) can b) can't c) have to



4. Students _____ wear their school uniform on Mondays.

- a) can b) have got to c) can't



5. You _____ use the computers in the school lab with the teacher's permission.

- a) can b) can't c) have to



6. Students _____ eat lunch in the cafeteria.

- a) can't b) are allowed to c) have to



7. We _____ do our homework before class.

- a) can b) have to c) can't



8. In class, students _____ raise their hand before speaking.

- a) have got to b) can't c) are allowed to

PART 4 — COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Complete each sentence with *can*, *can't*, *have to*, *have got to*, or *be allowed to*.

WORD BANK: can • can't • have to • have got to • be allowed to

1. Students _____ wear a uniform at school.
2. You _____ run in the hallway. It's dangerous.
3. We _____ bring our books to class every day.
4. Students _____ use the computer in the library with permission.
5. You _____ eat in the classroom during an exam.
6. I _____ do my homework every night.
7. Visitors _____ enter the school without permission.
8. Students _____ ask the teacher if they need help.

PART 5 — LOOK AT THE PICTURE AND WRITE

Look at each picture. Write a sentence using a modal verb. Example: *Students can't run in the hallway.*



1. A student running in the hallway.



2. Students wearing their school uniforms.



3. A student using a cellphone during an exam.



4. Students raising their hands.



5. Students cleaning the classroom.



6. Students using the computer with permission.

PART 6 — SORT THE RULES

Read the school rules below, then write the number of each rule in the correct column.

 1. wear a school uniform	 2. do your homework every night	 3. arrive at school on time
 4. use the computer with the teacher's permission	 5. raise your hand in class	 6. use your cellphone at break time
 7. run in the hallway	 8. eat in the classroom during class	 9. use your cellphone during an exam

PERMISSION	OBLIGATION	PROHIBITION

PART 7 — CREATE YOUR OWN SCHOOL RULES

Use the sentence starters to write your own school rules.

2 rules using **have to / have got to**:

- 1.
- 2.

2 rules using **can't**:

- 3.
- 4.

1 rule using **can / be allowed to**:

- 5.

PART 8 — QUICK REVIEW

1. What is the difference between "have to" and "can't"?
2. Write one school rule using have to.
3. Write one school rule using can't.
4. True or False: "be allowed to" expresses PERMISSION.
5. Complete: Students _____ wear a uniform. (obligation)

Learn the rules, use English, and communicate with confidence!