



MODAL VERBS - ADVICE, OBLIGATION & POSSIBILITY

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1. The Problem Solver

Read each problem. Give useful advice.

Problem 1 – New Job

Your friend starts a new job tomorrow. They are nervous.

Give three pieces of advice.

1. You should _____
2. You could _____
3. You might want to _____

Problem 2 – Holiday

You are planning a holiday, but the weather forecast says there might be heavy rain.

What could you do?

1. _____
2. _____

2. What does the speaker mean?

Choose the correct meaning.

1. "You must finish this today." a) It is possible. b) It is necessary. c) It is a suggestion.	4. "She might be busy." a) I know she is busy. b) It is possible that she is busy. c) She has to be busy.
2. "You don't have to come early." a) Coming early is not necessary. b) Coming early is not allowed. c) Coming early is impossible.	5. "You could try calling him." a) This is one possible idea. b) This is a strict rule. c) This is impossible.
3. "You mustn't touch that." a) You don't need to touch it. b) You should touch it carefully. c) You are not allowed to touch it.	

3. Complete the mini-dialogue

Use the words in the box.

should – could – must – might – don't have to – mustn't

A: I'm going to the airport tomorrow. Is there anything I need to remember?

B: You _____ check your passport before you leave.

A: Good idea. What time should I arrive?

B: You _____ arrive at least two hours before your flight.

A: And what if I arrive very early?

B: You _____ worry. You can have a coffee and wait.

A: What about traffic?

B: It _____ be heavy in the morning, so leave early.

A: Can I take a large bottle of water through security?

B: No. You _____ take a large bottle through security.

A: OK. I _____ also check the airline's website before I leave.

4. The Talkmor Challenge

You are planning the perfect weekend.

Work with a partner.

You have Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday free.

Decide what you will do.

During your conversation, you must use:

- 2 sentences with should
- 2 sentences with could
- 2 sentences with might/may
- 2 sentences with must/have to
- 1 sentence with don't have to
- 1 sentence with mustn't

You can talk about:

food • travel • shopping • sport • movies • friends •
money • relaxing • studying English

Try to disagree sometimes!

A: We could go to the beach on Saturday.

B: Maybe, but it might rain.

A: Then we could go to the cinema.

B: Good idea. We have to check the times first.

5. Final Grammar Check

Complete the sentences.

1. You _____ be more careful.
It's dangerous.
2. We _____ bring food. The
restaurant provides everything.
3. He _____ be at home, but I'm
not sure.
4. You _____ park here. It's
prohibited.
5. You _____ try this restaurant.
It's very good.
6. I _____ work tomorrow. It's a
public holiday.

Teacher's Key

2.

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 c
- 4 b
- 5 a

3.

- 1 should
- 2 must / have to
- 3 don't have to
- 4 might
- 5 mustn't
- 6 could

5.

- 1 should
- 2 don't have to
- 3 might / may
- 4 mustn't
- 5 could / should
- 6 don't have to

Activities 1 & 4: Open-ended.