

ENGLISH

Chapter 8
Session A





LOOK AFTER YOURSELF



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MODAL® VERBS MUST 100 % MIGHT 50 % COULD **POSSIBILITY** & 100 % CERTAINTY

Modal verbs

Read the examples and answer the questions.

Talking about possibility

Eating the right foods can affect the way you feel.

The body can't get or make energy without B vitamins.

Talking about obligation/no obligation

You **must** eat regularly to keep your blood sugar level steady.

Normally, I have to have a snack or I have no energy.

You **don't have to** make many changes to have an impact.

Talking about prohibition

You mustn't eat more than 50g of dark chocolate.

- 1 Which modal(s) mean 'this is/isn't possible'?
- 2 Which modal(s) mean 'you are not allowed to do this'?
- **3** Which modal(s) mean 'it is necessary to do this'?
- **4** Which modal(s) mean 'this isn't necessary'?

can / can't

mustn't

must / have to

don't have to

Modals – third person singular

The modals have to/don't have to change for the third person (he, she, it). The other modals do not.

He doesn't have to study today.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb. There may be more than one possibility.

- 1 You <u>must</u> drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- 2 Eating mangoes <u>can</u> help you feel calm.
- 3 You mustn't skip meals! It's really bad for you.
- 4 | can't understand the text. It doesn't make sense.
- 5 Mark <u>has to</u> study hard if he wants to pass the test.
- 6 You ____ come to the gym if you don't want to.

Read the examples. Complete the rules with past, specific or general.

Talking generally about the past

I could/was able to focus better.

Before, I **couldn't/wasn't able to** study without eating lots of sugary snacks.

A specific situation in the past

People were able to do better in memory tests using rosemary oil.

They couldn't/weren't able to focus in the exam.

Obligation in the past

I had to rest because I had no energy.

Yesterday, I didn't have to buy any food for dinner.

When we talk about a general was/wasn't/were/weren't able to.

When we talk about a Specific success in the past, we use was/were able to in the affirmative. However, in the negative, we can use either couldn't or wasn't/weren't able to.

possibility in the past, we use could/couldn't or

When we talk about obligation in the past very we use had to. When we talk about lack of obligation in the past, we use didn't have to.

The power of music

Research has shown that music 1 (...) lower blood pressure and reduce stress. Slow, calm music is best — you 2 (...) listen to classical music to relax, any calm music works! Singing along to songs 3 (...) also release tension and when hospital patients listened to music before and after surgery, they 4 (...) relax more and recovered faster. In another study, researchers found music 5 (...) increase self-esteem in older people. Headphones often increased the benefits — however, it is important to remember you! 6 (...) turn the volume up too loud!



a must

2 a don't have to

a has to

4 a could

5 a had to

6 a couldn't

b can

c had to

b mustn't

c couldn't

b can't

c can

b had to

c was able to

b could

c must

b mustn't

c don't have to



1 Reinforcement Circle the correct option.

A guide to eating for athletes

1 You must don't have to eat a lot of carbohydrates – they give you energy.



2 You can mustn't have ice cream and desserts, but fruit is better.

3 You can't don't have to take vitamin pills. They're not necessary.



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2 Challenge Complete the sentences with the past of the modal verbs.

- 1 I can ski really well. I <u>could</u> ski when I was five years old!
- 2 I usually have to go to bed early. Last night, I had to go to bed at nine o'clock.
- 3 I can't speak French. When I was in France, Icouldn't understand a word!
- 4 We don't have to do homework on weekends. Last weekend, I _____study at all!
- 5 I can usually remember vocabulary. In the test yesterday, I remember all the words.

The Modals Quiz

- We __ have lunch at school. Some students go home at lunch time.
 - **a** are able to
- **b** don't have to **c** mustn't
- We __ use cell phones in class, but in some schools, it's forbidden.
 - a don't have to
- **(b)** can

- **c** couldn't
- You __ bring a note from your parents if you miss a class. It's the rule!
 - a mustn't
- **b** can't

- **c** must
- Most of us __ speak English ten years ago, but now we speak it quite well.

- a couldn't b weren't able c didn't have to

wear a school uniform when you went to elementary school?

a Do you have to b Had you to C Did you have to

You __ bike in the school grounds. You know it's forbidden!

a) mustn't b have to c don't have to

My computer broke last night. Luckily, my brother __ fix it.

a can

b was able to **c** could

I __ stay up late and study last night to finish my history project.

a could

b must

c had to



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