

MODAL EXERCISES

1. Complete the sentences with **can / can't / could / couldn't**:

- a. I'm afraid I _____ come to your party next week.
- b. When Tim was 16, he was a fast runner. He _____ run 100 metres in 11 seconds.
- c. I was feeling sick yesterday. I _____ eat anything.
- d. Can you speak up a bit? I _____ hear you very well.
- e. _____ you please help me wash the car?
- f. Jessica _____ speak French and also Italian.
- g. She _____ finish painting the room by tomorrow. She's too busy.
- h. We _____ sleep. You are making too much noise.
- i. In my country you _____ get married when you are 16. It's illegal.
- j. Last night I _____ get into my house because I had forgotten my key.

2. Complete the sentences with **must / mustn't / have to / don't have to / should / shouldn't**:

- a. Pupils _____ attend the game. It's optional.
- b. You _____ leave knives in places where babies can reach them.
- c. I'm fat. The doctor said I _____ eat too many sweets and potatoes.
- d. You _____ play with the knife! You'll cut yourself.
- e. I _____ pay the telephone bill next week.
- f. People _____ smoke in non-smoking areas.
- g. Students _____ go to school on Sundays.
- h. All children under the age of 16 _____ go to school. It is the law.
- i. I really think you _____ cut your hair.
- j. I like Sundays because I _____ get up early.

3. For each situation write a sentence with **should** or **shouldn't** using one of the following verbs:

- a. go away for a few days
 - b. go to bed so late
 - c. look for another job
 - d. use her car so much
 - e. put some pictures on the walls
 - f. take a photograph
- a. (Liz needs a change).
 - b. (My salary is very low).
 - c. (Jack can't get up in the mornings).
 - d. (What a beautiful view!).
 - e. (Sue drives everywhere. She never walks).
 - f. (Bill's room isn't very interesting).

4. Fill in the gaps choosing the right modal verb:

- a. The doctor says I (should / can) should rest more.
- b. When I was young, I (could / had to) _____ get up very early in the morning to walk to school.
- c. (Could / Had to) _____ you ride a bike when you were three years old?
- d. If you want to keep healthy, you (mustn't / can't) _____ smoke and you (can / should) _____ do exercise.
- e. I (can't / couldn't) _____ speak English when I was nine years old.

- f. "(Can / Must) _____ you help me? (Can / Should) _____ I use your phone?"
g. Children under sixteen (mustn't / don't have to) _____ drive cars.

5. Correct the mistakes:

- a. He must to be there by six o'clock. He must be there by six o'clock.
- b. You don't have to park here. It's forbidden.
- c. You should talked to him. He's very upset.
- d. He cans speak three languages.
- e. You have see the doctor.
- f. Did you can finish your work last night?

