

## 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?

