

## GRAMMAR

## Modals and related verbs → (see page 112)

## 1 Choose the phrases which could replace the underlined words.

He's amazing. When he was only 8 years old, he could speak three languages.

- a had the ability  
b was allowed to

- 1 Can you come out with us tonight?  
a Have you got the ability to  
b Have you got permission to
- 2 He must be out. There are no lights on.  
a He is obliged to be  
b I'm sure he is
- 3 You can't smoke here. Look, there's a sign up there.  
a are forbidden to  
b don't have the ability to
- 4 You should do some shopping for your mum.  
a I advise you to  
b It is your duty to
- 5 They could be at the cinema. I remember Mark talking about it earlier.  
a It is possible that they are  
b They have the ability to be
- 6 You must read this book. It's great.  
a You are required to  
b My advice to you is to
- 7 We couldn't go because our parents were angry with us.  
a didn't have permission to  
b didn't have the ability to

## 2 Choose the correct answers.

Don't worry yet. He could just be stuck in a traffic jam.

- 1 You *mustn't* / *don't have to* tell anyone. It's a secret.  
2 Don't touch anything. There *might* / *can* be a trap.  
3 I was locked in a room but I *could* / *was able to* escape.  
4 You are *obliged* / *forbidden* to leave the country so, please, hand over your passport.  
5 You are *supposed to* / *obliged to* be a secret agent but you can't even use a radio!  
6 A Are we *permitted* / *required* to wear a hat?  
B No, but you can if you want to.  
7 Next year, I'll *can* / *be able to* join the club.

## 3 Complete the texts using the verbs from the box.

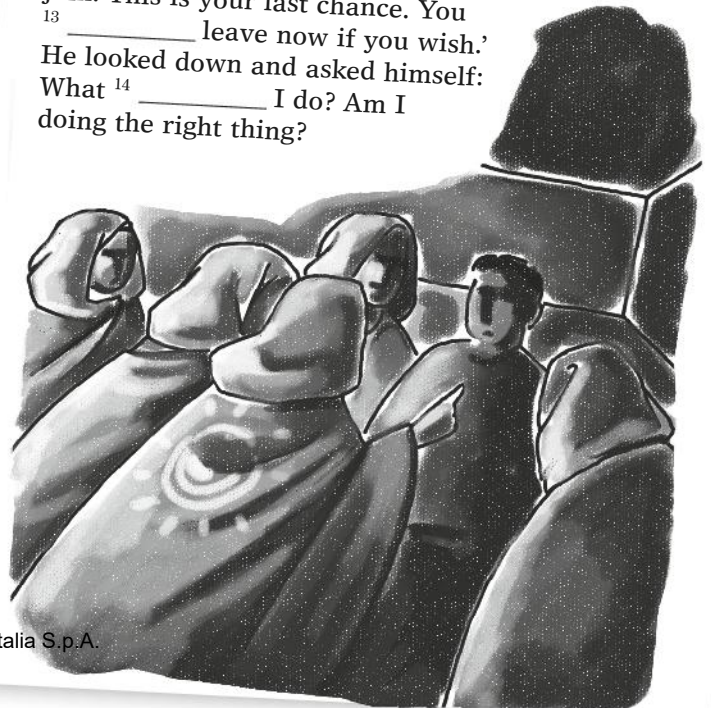
can could couldn't have  
might must mustn't (x2) needed  
ought (x2) should (x2) shouldn't (x2)

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Sitting in his prison cell, Kemp could hear voices outside. He <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ understand what had happened but he knew he had to get out. He <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to find some way out. Then he noticed the small hole in the wall. 'I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be able to do something', he thought. 'It's possible'. All night he worked. 'I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ give up', he told himself. 'I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ keep going'. Finally, he got out. The two guards were asleep in the corridor. He smiled to himself as he took the keys from the unconscious guard's belt. 'You <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be sleeping, my friends', he thought. 'You <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to be more careful'. The guards, though, missed his silent advice and went on sleeping as he left the building.

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All was quiet in the hall.  
'You realize, you <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tell anyone about us. We don't use names here. You will know other members of the society by the small tattoo on the back of their hand. Members don't <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to greet each other but, if they do, they <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ use the special handshake that you learned earlier. It's always a good idea to follow procedures. You <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ speak - it's not a good idea. One thing that you <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to know is that it is impossible to leave the society once you join. This is your last chance. You <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ leave now if you wish.'  
He looked down and asked himself:  
What <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I do? Am I doing the right thing?



**4 Complete the responses to the following situations. Use the correct forms of the words in brackets.**

- Gerry looks nervous.  
(must / be)  
This must be a dangerous mission.
- He's not packing his passport.  
(need / get)  
He \_\_\_\_\_ a false one so that no-one knows who he really is.
  - He keeps checking that he's got his phone.  
(supposed / be)  
He's \_\_\_\_\_ easy to contact.
  - He's taking some warm clothes.  
(could / be)  
It \_\_\_\_\_ cold at night.
  - He hasn't told anyone where he is going.  
(forbid / talk)  
He is \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone about his mission.
  - He's wearing a suit and tie.  
(ought / look)  
He \_\_\_\_\_ smart when he arrives at the airport.

**5 Choose the correct answers.**

**LETTER OF THE WEEK**

**Secret societies**

I enjoyed your article on secret societies in yesterday's paper. However harmless they are, this secrecy is bound to make others a little nervous. We have all heard stories of criminals who succeeded in getting their sentences reduced because they share membership of the same club as the policeman or judge dealing with their case. These stories <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be true or they <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ just be urban myths but we all know the saying 'There's no smoke without fire.'

So, what <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we do about such societies and clubs? Do we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to have any rules or laws governing them? In some countries, people are not <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to join such societies at all.

Many would say that we shouldn't worry and that such societies are harmless. I think the truth is <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ somewhere in between. We <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ allow such societies to exist but we <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to watch them very carefully.

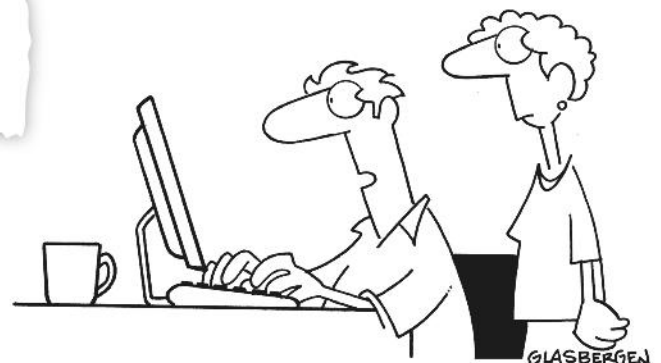
Yours

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|---|-------------|------------|----------------|------------|
|   | a permitted | b required | <b>c bound</b> | d obliged  |
| 1 | a can't     | b can      | c must         | d might    |
| 2 | a mustn't   | b could    | c must         | d can      |
| 3 | a need      | b ought    | c should       | d must     |
| 4 | a ought     | b have     | c must         | d should   |
| 5 | a allowed   | b required | c forbidden    | d obliged  |
| 6 | a likely    | b bound    | c sure         | d probably |
| 7 | a ought     | b have     | c need         | d should   |
| 8 | a must      | b should   | c can          | d ought    |

**6 Rewrite the sentences using the words in capital letters so that the meaning is the same as in the original sentences.**

- It is possible that this assignment will be dangerous.  
(MIGHT)  
This assignment might be dangerous.
- You must take great care.  
(NECESSARY)  
It \_\_\_\_\_ take great care.
  - It is possible that there will be guards waiting for you.  
(COULD)  
The guards \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for you.
  - It is not necessary for you to kill anyone.  
(HAVE)  
You \_\_\_\_\_ kill anyone.
  - My advice to you is to get a good night's sleep.  
(TO)  
You \_\_\_\_\_ a good night's sleep.
  - Our last agent wasn't able to draw a map of the enemy camp.  
(COULDN'T)  
Our last agent \_\_\_\_\_ a map of the enemy camp.
  - In my opinion, it would be better not to trust anyone.  
(SHOULDN'T)  
You \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.
  - You are not allowed to carry a gun.  
(FORBIDDEN)  
You are \_\_\_\_\_ a gun.
  - Can I contact you by phone?  
(TO)  
Am \_\_\_\_\_ you by phone?
  - You have to let us know where you are every night.  
(REQUIRED)  
You \_\_\_\_\_ know where you are every night.



**"I'm writing about all the things I ought to do before I die. It's my oughtobiography."**