

Modal verbs

Wie kannst du...

... sagen, dass jemand etwas tun darf?

→ You **can** do it.

... jemandem raten, etwas zu tun?

→ You **should** do it.

... jemandem sagen, dass er etwas tun muss?

→ You **have** to do it.

→ You **must** do it.

→ You **need** to do it.

... jemandem sagen, dass er etwas NICHT tun muss?

→ You **don't have** to do it.

→ You **don't need** to do it.

... jemandem sagen, dass er etwas nicht tun darf?

→ You **must not** do it.

1. A letter to Buzz

a) Complete with: *has to / have to / don't have to*

Dear *buzz*,

when my friend comes to my house in the evening, she often _____ walk home alone on dark streets. Her mum and dad can't pick her up because they _____ work in the evenings. She says that I _____ worry about her, but I worry a lot. I _____ sure that she's okay, so I phone her on her mobile.

A nervous friend

b) Complete with: *should / shouldn't*

Dear nervous friend,

your friend really _____ walk on dark streets. She _____ find busier streets. And the best place for her mobile is in her pocket! You _____ talk to her when she's walking. She _____ think about what's happening around her. If she feels scared, she _____ go to a safe place, like a shop or a restaurant, and ask for help.

buzz

Setze die richtigen Modalverben ein.

1. You (must) _____ get up early tomorrow.
2. You (not / need) _____ call a baby sitter.
3. We (need) _____ watch the film tonight.
4. He (not / can) _____ see me tomorrow.
5. She (must) _____ stay at school tomorrow afternoon.
6. (can / you) _____ go to the disco tonight?
7. He (not / must) _____ sleep now.
8. You (not / need) _____ answer.
9. He (have to) _____ give evidence at the court in two days.
10. Since he bought the new car he (not / could) _____ sleep.

Modals of Ability 1

Put in 'can', 'can't', 'could' or 'couldn't'. If none of these is possible use 'be able to' in the correct tense.

(Can – können; could – konnten/könnten; be able to – fähig sein, etwas zu tun)

1. _____ you swim when you were 10?
2. We _____ get to the meeting on time yesterday, because the train was delayed.
3. He _____ arrive at the party on time, even after missing the train, so he was very pleased.
4. He's amazing, he _____ speak five languages, including Chinese.
5. I _____ drive a car until I was 34.
6. I looked everywhere for my glasses but I _____ find them anywhere.
7. I searched for your house for ages. Luckily I _____ find it in the end.
8. She's seven years old, but she _____ read yet. Her parents are getting her extra lessons.
9. I read the book three times, but I _____ understand it.
10. James _____ speak Japanese when he lived in Japan, but he's forgotten most of it now.

11. I _____ understand the chapter we had to read for homework. It was so difficult.
12. I _____ lift this box – it's too heavy! Would you help me?
13. Lucy _____ make it to our meeting after all. She's stuck in traffic.
14. John _____ play tennis really well. He's champion of his club.
15. Unfortunately, I really _____ sing at all. No one in my family is musical either.
16. When the car broke down I was really pleased because I _____ solve the problem.
17. Julian _____ play excellent golf when he was only ten.
18. My grandmother _____ use a computer until last month. Since then she's been taking lessons at the library.
19. I _____ open this window. I think it's stuck.
20. Gill _____ play the piano. She has never studied it.