

Modal verbs

1 Match sentences (1–4) with the meanings (a–d).

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| 1 You must be over 17 to drive a car in Britain. | a Speculation |
| 2 It must have been John. Nobody else knows I'm here. | b Obligation |
| 3 You don't have to do it if you don't want to. | c Lack of obligation |
| 4 I don't know where John is. He might have got lost. | d Deduction |

2 Choose the correct words.

MARIAN Why are you doing that?

JADE I thought I (1) *had* / *don't need* to.

MARIAN No, you really (2) *mustn't* / *don't have to*, it's not part of your job.

ROB Hey! What are you doing?

PETE Sorry, I thought I (3) *could* / *don't have to* photograph it.

ROB No. You (4) *don't have to* / *mustn't* do that. You're not allowed to take photos in here.

JACKY Did you see that story about the man who got lost in the desert for ten days?

RICK Yes, his family (5) *must* / *could* have been very worried.

JACKY What (6) *must* / *could* have happened?

RICK I don't know. But he (7) *can't* / *might* have been properly prepared.

3 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use each verb only once.

can't could don't have to have to might must mustn't

- Roger's never late. He _____ have missed the bus.
- ALAN Why did you do that?
BEN Well, what else _____ I have done?
- You really _____ shout at your mother!
- It's Saturday tomorrow. I'm happy because I _____ get up so early.
- RUBY Where's Michael?
MARTIN I don't know. He _____ have forgotten where we live.
RUBY Oh! He _____ have. He was here last night.
- In my job I _____ wear a uniform. I don't mind because it's quite smart.