Modal verbs

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

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

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