

**1** Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- a) Sorry I'm late. I had to go / may go to the library.
- b) My brother could walk / might walk before he started talking.
- c) You've worked very hard. You could be / must be tired.
- d) George didn't have to wait / hadn't to wait long for the bus.
- e) Don't wait for me. I could be / had to be late.
- f) Helen mustn't do / couldn't do her homework, because she was ill.
- g) This bus had to go / might go to the centre. Shall I ask the driver?
- h) Sam dropped the three glasses, but was able to catch / might catch one!

**2** Complete the sentences. Write one word for each space.

- a) That was a long walk! You must be tired.
- b) Sorry I was away yesterday. I ..... to go to the hospital.
- c) Will you be ..... to give me some help tomorrow?
- d) Do you ..... to go now?
- e) Peter ..... ride a bike when he was seven.
- f) Mary ..... be in her bedroom. The light is on.
- g) Students ..... not leave their bicycles near this door. It is forbidden.
- h) We ..... to try very hard, but we succeeded in the end.

**3** Rewrite each sentence beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

- a) I'm sure that bag isn't yours.  
That can't be ..... your bag.
- b) My advice is to talk to your teacher about it.  
I think you ..... at the library.
- c) It's not necessary for you to be here before 8.00.  
You ..... the answer.
- d) I'm sure that Sam knows the answer.  
Sam ..... the answer.
- e) I'm sorry I'm late. It was necessary for me to go to the doctor's.  
I'm sorry I'm late. I ..... at the library.
- f) Perhaps Cathy is at the library.  
Cathy ..... at the library.
- g) What is your advice?  
What do you think ..... do?

**4** Rewrite each sentence using the words in bold. Do not change the meaning.

- a) It's very important for you to be here at 6.00. **must**  
..... *You must be here at 6.00* .....
- b) It's impossible for me to see you tomorrow. **can't**  
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- c) It's necessary to press the button twice. **to**  
.....
- d) It's not a good idea to eat lots of sweets. **shouldn't**  
.....
- e) It's not possible for Jean to come to the party. **able**  
.....
- f) It's not necessary for you to pay now. **don't**  
.....
- g) Parking here is forbidden. **mustn't**  
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- h) It's necessary for you to work harder. **should**  
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**5** Complete the sentences. Write one word for each space. *Can't, couldn't* etc. are one word.

- a) You're only wearing a t-shirt and shorts. You must feel cold!
- b) I ..... not be at school tomorrow. I feel ill.
- c) Tina searched the swimming pool, but wasn't ..... to find her ring.
- d) Perhaps you left your wallet on the bus, or it ..... be at home.
- e) The exam was long, and I ..... finish all the questions.
- f) Brian didn't ..... to do any homework, so he went to the cinema.
- g) This ..... be the house. It's the wrong number. Let's try down there.
- h) Ann ..... run much faster than her friends.
- i) This bill ..... be right. There's a mistake in it somewhere.
- j) Sorry I was out. I ..... to go to the shops.

**Think about grammar! Are the sentences true or false?**

- a) *Mustn't* is the same as *don't have to*.
- b) There is very little difference between *must* and *have to*.
- c) *Should* is used when you think something is a good idea.