

Modal Verbs: can, can't, must, mustn't — Lesson 2

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Student Worksheet

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Exercise 1 — True or False? (8 points)

Read each statement. Write **True** or **False**.

1. We use "can" to say that something is not allowed.

Answer: _____

2. "She can sing" is a correct sentence.

Answer: _____

3. "Mustn't" and "don't have to" mean the same thing.

Answer: _____

4. "Must" is used for things that are necessary or required.

Answer: _____

5. We say "He cans cook" when talking about a man's ability.

Answer: _____

6. "You mustn't run in the corridor" is a rule — it is not allowed.

Answer: _____

7. "Can't" is the negative form of "can".

Answer: _____

8. "Can" changes its form depending on the subject.

Answer: _____

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice (8 points)

Choose the correct modal verb. Circle your answer.

1. My little sister ____ read already — she's only four!

(can / must / mustn't)

2. You ____ bring food into the library.

(can / must / mustn't)

3. All passengers ____ show a valid ticket.

(can / must / mustn't)

4. He ____ speak any foreign languages.

(can't / must / mustn't)

5. Students ____ be quiet during the exam.

(can / must / mustn't)

6. You ____ leave your bicycle in front of the entrance.
(can / mustn't / must)
7. I ____ touch my nose with my tongue. It's impossible!
(can't / must / mustn't)
8. Guests ____ check out before 11am.
(can / must / can't)

Exercise 3 — Matching (8 points)

Match each sentence (1–8) to the correct meaning (a–h). Write the letter.

Sentences	Meanings
1. She can paint beautiful pictures. ____	A. She has this skill and is able to do it.
2. You mustn't drop litter in the park. ____	B. This is against the rules — it is forbidden.
3. He can't whistle. ____	C. He is not able to do this, no matter how hard he tries.
4. You must wear a hard hat on site. ____	D. This is a safety rule — it is necessary.
5. They can speak four languages. ____	E. This is a skill they have developed.
6. Children mustn't play near the road. ____	F. This is dangerous and not permitted.
7. I can't remember her name. ____	G. This is not possible for the speaker right now.
8. You must return your library books on time. ____	H. This is required — it is an obligation.

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill (8 points)

Choose the correct modal verb from the brackets.

1. You ____ turn right here — it's a one-way street.
(can / must / mustn't)
2. My grandmother ____ knit jumpers. She makes one every winter.
(can / must / mustn't)
3. All visitors ____ sign in at reception.
(can / must / mustn't)
4. I ____ find my glasses anywhere.
(can't / must / mustn't)
5. You ____ feed the animals in the zoo.
(can / must / mustn't)
6. She ____ do a handstand. She learned at gymnastics.
(can / can't / must)
7. Employees ____ clock in before starting work.
(can / must / mustn't)
8. He ____ see well without his glasses.

(can't / must / mustn't)

Exercise 5 — Word Order (8 points)

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. violin / can / She / play / the

2. street / mustn't / this / on / You / park

3. box / He / lift / that / can't

4. badge / must / All / visitors / a / wear

5. breath / hold / minute / can / I / my / for / one

6. film / the / during / mustn't / You / talk

7. party / come / She / to / can't / the

8. light / must / red / stop / Drivers / a / at

Exercise 6 — Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column of the table below.

Word bank: My dad can fix any car. | She can draw really well. | We can see the mountains from here. | I can't stand on my head. | He can't remember the PIN. | I can't hear you — can you speak up? | You must carry your passport at all times. | All students must attend the induction. | You must keep this door closed at all times. | You mustn't shout in the hospital. | You mustn't waste water. | You mustn't copy in an exam.

Ability (can)	Inability (can't)	Obligation (must)	Prohibition (mustn't)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation (8 points)

Choose the correct modal verb from the brackets.

A: Is the sports centre open today? You ____ swim there on Sundays.

(can / must / mustn't)

B: Yes, but you ____ bring outside food into the pool area.

(can / must / mustn't)

A: My son ____ swim yet, so we just want to use the café.

(can't / must / mustn't)

B: Of course! Children ____ be with an adult at all times, though.

(can / must / mustn't)

A: And ____ we park in the car park outside?

(can / must / mustn't)

B: Yes, but you ____ park in the spaces marked for staff.

(can / must / mustn't)

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TEACHER ANSWER KEY — Do not distribute to students

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✓ False
2. "She can sing" is a correct sentence.
✓ True
3. "Mustn't" and "don't have to" mean the same thing.
✓ False
4. "Must" is used for things that are necessary or required.
✓ True
5. We say "He cans cook" when talking about a man's ability.
✓ False
6. "You mustn't run in the corridor" is a rule — it is not allowed.
✓ True
7. "Can't" is the negative form of "can".
✓ True
8. "Can" changes its form depending on the subject.
✓ False

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

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✓ can
2. You ___ bring food into the library.
✓ mustn't
3. All passengers ___ show a valid ticket.
✓ must
4. He ___ speak any foreign languages.
✓ can't
5. Students ___ be quiet during the exam.
✓ must
6. You ___ leave your bicycle in front of the entrance.

✓ **mustn't**

7. I ____ touch my nose with my tongue. It's impossible!

✓ **can't**

8. Guests ____ check out before 11am.

✓ **must**

Exercise 3 — Matching

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✓ **She has this skill and is able to do it.**

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✓ **This is against the rules — it is forbidden.**

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✓ **He is not able to do this, no matter how hard he tries.**

4. You must wear a hard hat on site.

✓ **This is a safety rule — it is necessary.**

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✓ **This is a skill they have developed.**

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✓ **This is not possible for the speaker right now.**

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✓ **This is required — it is an obligation.**

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill

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✓ **mustn't**

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✓ **can**

3. All visitors ____ sign in at reception.

✓ **must**

4. I ____ find my glasses anywhere.

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5. You ____ feed the animals in the zoo.

✓ mustn't

6. She ____ do a handstand. She learned at gymnastics.

✓ can

7. Employees ____ clock in before starting work.

✓ must

8. He ____ see well without his glasses.

✓ can't

Exercise 5 — Word Order

1. ✓ She can play the violin

2. ✓ You mustn't park on this street

3. ✓ He can't lift that box

4. ✓ All visitors must wear a badge

5. ✓ I can hold my breath for one minute

6. ✓ You mustn't talk during the film

7. ✓ She can't come to the party

8. ✓ Drivers must stop at a red light

Exercise 6 — Word Sort

Ability (can):

✓ My dad can fix any car.

✓ She can draw really well.

✓ We can see the mountains from here.

Inability (can't):

✓ I can't stand on my head.

✓ He can't remember the PIN.

✓ I can't hear you — can you speak up?

Obligation (must):

✓ You must carry your passport at all times.

✓ All students must attend the induction.

✓ You must keep this door closed at all times.

Prohibition (mustn't):

✓ You mustn't shout in the hospital.

✓ You mustn't waste water.

✓ You mustn't copy in an exam.

Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation

1. A: Is the sports centre open today? You ____ swim there on Sundays.

✓ can

2. B: Yes, but you ____ bring outside food into the pool area.

✓ mustn't

3. A: My son ____ swim yet, so we just want to use the café.

✓ can't

4. B: Of course! Children ____ be with an adult at all times, though.

✓ must

5. A: And ____ we park in the car park outside?

✓ can

6. B: Yes, but you ____ park in the spaces marked for staff.

✓ mustn't