

Modal verbs of obligation, prohibition and advice; Second conditional

1 Rewrite the sentences using a modal verb of obligation or prohibition.

- It's necessary for a 'mystery shopper' to review the service they get in shops.
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- It is essential to add your email to your CV.
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- It is forbidden for a security guard to leave the shop.
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- It's not necessary for me to learn the local language in my new job – everybody speaks English!
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- As a hotel receptionist, I feel the obligation to answer the telephone and be well-organised.
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- In my country, taxi drivers are not allowed to carry more than four passengers.
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2 Complete the text with modal verbs of obligation, prohibition or advice.

I'm doctor and I love my job. I (a) work long hours, but it's a well-paid job and I like to help people who are sick. As a doctor, you (b) be very brave when you (c) tell people bad news. Also, a good doctor (d) ever lie to his or her patients and (e) always treat their patients with respect. Sometimes I get upset in my job and think I (f) be so sensitive, but it's a very emotional job. The only thing I don't like about my job is the paperwork – I (g) write down everything I do. Maybe I (h) hire a secretary!

3 Find and correct the mistakes. Two of the sentences are correct.

- She shouldn't worry about earning more money – she's already so well-off!
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- You mustn't be afraid of spiders – they can't hurt you!
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- I work full-time, so I must to be very well-organised.
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- He should study German – he has no talent for languages.
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- You mustn't tell anyone – it's a secret.
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4 Complete the sentences with the second conditional form of the verbs in the box.

x2 be • find • have • like • meet • x3 not be
not believe • not get to • not love

- If my job better paid, I it a lot more.
- If you some qualifications, you a job.
- If she in the importance of education, she a teacher.
- We more people if we always so busy with work.
- He a flight assistant if he scared of flying!
- I being a journalist if I travel a lot.

5 Complete the text with the appropriate verbs. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

Giles Harrison is a professional celebrity photographer. But what does being a celeb photographer involve? Harrison says he (a) camp outside celebrity homes every day – he prefers driving around the city to find celebrities. Some celebs get angry with him, but Harrison believes that if he were famous, he (b) more patient with photographers: 'At the end of the day,' he says, 'we're journalists.' There are also laws which professional photographers like Harrison (c) follow. For example, they (d) take pictures of children. Harrison also believes that celebrities need photographers like him. 'If a celebrity walked down the red carpet and we didn't take a picture of them, celebrities (e) a problem with that.' In fact, for Harrison, 'celebrities (f) only worry when people don't want their picture anymore.'

What makes a good photographer? Harrison thinks that you (g) be an excellent story-teller as well as a great photographer, because the photos (h) tell a story.