

Modal verbs of obligation, prohibition, advice and permission; Zero, first and second conditionals

1 Circle the correct alternative.

I have just started a new school. The rules are a bit different from my old school. For example here we (1) don't have to/have to wear a uniform, which is great because I dislike them, but we (2) can/can't wear shorts or things like that. I'm not sure if we (3) can/have to wear make-up at all. The amazing thing is that we (4) don't have to/can use mobile phones in class – but only with the teacher's permission. Of course, we (5) mustn't/don't have to use them to text each other or surf the web. Like in my old school, attendance is important and we (6) mustn't/must be late – when we are, we (7) have to/can bring a note from home the next day or we (8) have to/can't go outside at break time.

2 Complete the dialogues with these words.

better • ought • shouldn't • should (x2) • to

- 'My computer has crashed again! Can you fix it?'
'Well, I can try, but you'd ask a computer technician.'
- 'I have to do an assignment on Romeo and Juliet, but I haven't read it yet.'
'Well, you to start now if you want to get a good mark.'
- 'His essays are copied off the Internet.'
'He do that. That's called plagiarism.'
- 'Do you know much about psychology?'
'I don't, but you ask Tom's mother, she's a university professor.'
- 'She's going to do business studies when she finishes school.'
'I don't think she, she doesn't like maths.'
- 'I forgot we had a biology test today.'
'You ought check the timetable next time.'

3 Complete the sentences with the zero or first conditional form of the verbs given.

- If I (have) more free time this year, I (do) some voluntary work for a local non-profit organisation.
- If they (not update) their website more often, they (lose) a lot of customers.
- It's really strange – if I (click) on this link, I (get) a 'page not found' message.
- It's a school rule – if you (fail) an exam, you (resit) it one month later.

- If Mr Ross (not come) to school today, nobody (check) the homework.

4 Circle the correct alternative.

- If he wasn't an inspiring teacher, his students wouldn't/won't love his lessons.
- My plants will die if nobody would look/looks after them.
- I like that course so much I would/wouldn't do it even if attendance wasn't obligatory.
- If you ask/would ask your teacher for permission, she'll let you use your tablet in class.
- If I 'll get/get a high mark in my history test, I'll buy everybody an ice-cream.
- If I were you, I wouldn't/won't miss any more tests.

5 Choose the best answers to complete the text.

What (1) like? We have asked kids from many different backgrounds and nationalities. 'Of course teachers (2) have a good knowledge of the subjects they are teaching,' says Katie 'but that (3) not enough if they aren't enthusiastic about their job. Also, a good teacher is someone who (4) learn from his students.' 'I think teachers (5) to also be good psychologists,' says Tom, 'to understand what's going on in the kids' minds. They'd (6) know the students' personally if they want to help them with their problems. At the same time, however, a teacher (7) to be strict and show authority. A teacher (8) be your best friend.' But should teachers also be fun? 'Well, teachers (9) be performers, but it's nice if classes are interesting and entertaining.'

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| 1 | A must a good teacher be | B must be a good teacher | C a good teacher must be |
| 2 | A have to | B must | C A or B |
| 3 | A be | B will be | C is |
| 4 | A can | B must | C should |
| 5 | A should | B ought | C A or B |
| 6 | A should | B better to | C better |
| 7 | A must | B should | C has |
| 8 | A doesn't have to | B can't | C oughtn't |
| 9 | A don't have to | B mustn't | C haven't to |