

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 You shouldn't **b**
- 2 You don't have **c**
- 3 You ought **f**
- 4 You can't **e**
- 5 You should **d**
- 6 You mustn't **a**

- a) wear long earrings in school. It's not allowed.
- b) eat too many burgers. They're bad for you.
- c) to pay for the bread here. It's free.
- d) eat a balanced diet. It's a good idea.
- e) wear a hat in class. It's disrespectful.
- f) to drink more water. It's healthy.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Use each modal verb once. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

must can't needn't don't have to mustn't have to

- 1 You don't have to wear a uniform. It's not necessary.
- 2 Students must always have their ID card. Otherwise, entry is prohibited.
- 3 You needn't come in early. We don't have much work tomorrow.
- 4 Pedestrians mustn't cross the road here. It's not allowed.
- 5 I have to phone my mum later. I promised to call her.
- 6 We have to leave our shoes outside. We can't wear them in class.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the modal verbs in brackets.

- 1 I was able to play the piano when I was ten. (could)
I could play the piano when I was ten.
- 2 You needn't work long hours. (don't have to)
You don't have to work long hours.
- 3 They are advised to wear a helmet. (should)
They should wear a helmet.
- 4 You are obliged to wear sports shoes. (must)
You must wear sports shoes.
- 5 You are prohibited from leaving early. (mustn't)
You mustn't leave early.

4 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 I'm not sure, but Jill _____ the girl with long hair in the photo.
a) can't be **b) might be**
- 2 Carrots are vegetables so they _____ good for you.
a) must be b) could be
- 3 I don't know why Fiona hasn't come to school today. She _____ ill.
a) may be b) can't be
- 4 I've no idea where Joe lives. He _____ next door!
a) must live **b) might live**
- 5 Simon _____ feeling well. He wasn't playing football this morning.
a) could be **b) can't be**

5 Complete the sentences with *can't*, *must*, *might*, *could* or *may*.

- 1 'Someone has left their mp4 player here. Whose is it?'
'It can't be Sally's. Hers is pink and that one is orange.'
- 2 'It could be Tom's.' may/might
- 3 'It could be, but he didn't have his today.' may/might
- 4 'Mark said he lost his yesterday. It could be may/might his.'
- 5 'It must be his. Look, it's got his name on it.'

6 Translate the sentences into your own language.

- 1 The train must be late.

- 2 You should work harder.

- 3 We have to go to school five days a week.

- 4 Penny needn't worry about my earache.

- 5 World-famous celebrities mustn't forget their old friends.
