



Grammar for the Scuola Superiore (6)

Modal Verbs

Exercise One

Complete the sentences by putting one of these modal verbs in each gap. In a few cases there is more than one correct answer.

- Can**                    **could**                    **must**                    **mustn't**
- may**                    **might**                    **should**                    **needn't**

1. John is a good skier. He ..... ski very well.
2. I ..... go to the party on Saturday – I haven't decided yet.
3. I think you ..... tell her how you feel.
4. You ..... do the exercise on page 73 if you don't want to.
5. You ..... come and see us when you're next in Italy.
6. She ..... swim when she was 4 years old.
7. "Where's she from?" "I don't know. She ..... be from Sweden, or perhaps Denmark.
8. You ..... smoke here – they get really annoyed if you do.
9. I ..... remember to buy some milk on my home.

Exercise Two

Rephrase the first sentence by using one of the modal verbs from the previous exercise.

1. I advise you to buy a good dictionary.

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2. It's really important that I go to the bank tomorrow.

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3. It's possible that there is life on other planets.

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4. It's not necessary for you to bring any money.

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5. I was able to run very fast when I was a child.

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6. I know how to use this computer program.

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7. Touching that wire is very dangerous, so don't!

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**Exercise Three**

Complete the sentences with the correct form of **have to**

1. I ..... wear a uniform when I went to school.
2. John is very rich so he ..... work.
3. .... you ..... do a lot of homework these days?
4. My brother works in a very old-fashioned company so he ..... wear a tie to work.
5. She's a shop assistant so she ..... work on Saturdays.

**Exercise Four**

Read the situations and make sentences with **shall**

1. You want to know if your friend wants the window open. You say:  
.....the window?
2. You want to know if your friend thinks it's a good idea for you to buy a jacket. You say:  
..... this jacket?
3. You suggest going to the cinema with your friend. You say:  
..... to the cinema?
4. You want your friend to suggest something for dinner. You say:  
..... for dinner?
5. You are at your friend's house when the phone rings. You want to know if your friend wants you to answer it. You say:  
..... answer it?
6. You want to know if your friend is ready to go. You say:  
.....

**Exercise Five**

Underline the correct alternative.

1. You *mustn't* / *don't have to* come with me if you don't want to.
2. What *will we* / *shall we* do this evening? Do you want to go for a pizza?
3. (the phone rings) "Who do you think that is?" "It *might be* / *can be* Jane."
4. I think the Government *has to* / *should* lower taxation.
5. You *mustn't* / *don't have to* wear a helmet when you ride a bike.
6. It *may* / *can* rain tomorrow.



## Answer Key

### Exercise One

1. can
2. may/might
3. should
4. needn't
5. must
6. could
7. may/might/could
8. mustn't
9. must

### Exercise Two

1. You should buy a good dictionary.
2. I must go to the bank tomorrow.
3. There might be / could be / may be life on other planets.
4. You needn't bring any money.
5. I could run very fast when I was a child.
6. I can use this computer program.
7. You mustn't touch that wire.

### Exercise Three

1. had to / didn't have to
2. doesn't have to
3. Do you have to
4. has to
5. has to

### Exercise Four

1. Shall I open the window?
2. Shall I buy this jacket?
3. Shall we go to the cinema?
4. What shall we have for dinner?
5. Shall I answer it?
6. Shall we go?

### Exercise Five

1. don't have to
2. shall we
3. might be
4. should



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5. don't have to
6. may



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