

## Modal verbs – advice, criticism, deduction, obligation, permission, prohibition, possibility, probability and speculation

### 1 Circle the correct alternative.

- You have to/should have a driving licence to legally drive a car on your own in most countries.
- You needn't/mustn't send text messages while you are driving.
- They need to/are supposed to take a taxi home because they are too tired to drive.
- She is allowed to/had better have a few more driving lessons before she takes her test. She needs more practice.
- I can't/don't have to drive your car because I'm not listed as a driver on your insurance.

### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.

- He ..... (should start up) a driving school because he was a very good teacher.
- I ..... (be allowed to take) the car as long as I filled it up with petrol on the way home.
- You ..... (not need to wash) the car today as it wasn't that dirty.
- We ..... (have to take) the car to a mechanic to get the door fixed yesterday.
- You ..... (be supposed to ask) your parents' permission before coming out tonight.

### 3 Complete the sentences with these words.

can't be • could give • might be •  
might not be • must be

- Welcome to The Royal Hotel. You ..... exhausted after your long journey.
- What's that noise? Do you think it ..... the cases moving around in the boot?
- That car ..... his. He can't afford a Mercedes, can he?
- That ..... the correct registration number. Let me check again.
- I ..... you a lift tomorrow if you're ready by 9.00.

### 4 Choose the best answer (a or b).

- The car ..... at high speed to cause so much damage.  
a must have been travelling      b can't have been travelling
- She ..... the sign that said this was a one-way street.  
a mustn't have seen      b can't have seen
- They ..... stuck in a traffic jam. The roads are quite busy just now.  
a might well have got      b must well have got
- They ..... an accident. The weather is terrible today.  
a couldn't have had      b could have had
- I ..... your directions exactly. I couldn't see the name of the road I turned into.  
a must have followed      b may not have followed

### 5 Complete the text with these verbs.

are supposed to • can't • could • may well be •  
must be • must be • must have enjoyed •  
need to • should have • should share

### Peking to Paris

The eighth Peking to Paris car rally will take place from May to July 2022. About 110 cars, all built before 1975, will take part in the race. Modern cars

(1) ..... take part in this adventure. This (2) ..... one of the longest car rallies in the world. It is around 14,200 km. It starts by the Great Wall outside Beijing (Peking), crosses Mongolia, parts of Russia and various European countries before finishing in Paris.

According to race regulations, cars (3) ..... prepared in period style with sombre colours and no modern accessories. The vehicles (4) ..... high ground clearance and (5) ..... work on low-grade petrol. The advisory panel states that participants (6) ..... willing to stay in all kinds of accommodation. It suggests that crews (7) ..... the driving as days will be long. Gerry Crown, who died in 2021, won the race three times. He (8) ..... the races to keep on returning. His driving partner, Matt Bryson, is hoping to compete in the 2022 race, and he (9) ..... the one to win again this time. But it's a long race with a lot of challenges and anything (10) ..... happen.