

Modal verbs of obligation, prohibition, advice, speculation and deduction

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There is one extra verb.

can not find • have to call • have to use •
have to pay • need to get • not allow to look •
should not take

Last week, I had a bad banking experience.

I (1) someone £100 in cash, so I took the money out of a cashpoint. Then the cashpoint retained my card. I (2) a branch of the bank, so I (3) them. I explained that the cashpoint (4) my card. They explained that they (5) for the card and they ordered me a new one. It was very annoying as I (6) more money out later.

2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between one and five words, including the word given.

- I don't need to buy this dress and I can't really afford it. **SHOULD**
I this dress as I can't really afford it.
- You need a receipt if you want to return the item. **MUST**
You a receipt if you want to return the item.
- We can pay in cash and they accept credit cards. **HAVE TO**
We in cash – they accept credit cards.
- I'm sorry, but the bank cannot give you a loan at the moment. **ALLOWED TO**
I'm sorry, but the bank you a loan at the moment.
- If we're going to take a taxi, you should download that app. **BETTER**
If we're going to take a taxi, you that app.
- It would be a good idea if they checked their current account. **OUGHT TO**
They their current account.

3 Circle the correct answer.

- I think it Joe's lottery ticket because that number is his birthday, but I'm not sure.
a must be b might be c can't be d may not be

- This be Freddy's jacket. He only wears designer clothes and this one is definitely not designer!
a must b may not c can't d might
- This be Jane's bag because this is her phone.
a can't b must c might d may
- Sorry, but I be able to go on the trip after all.
a might not b must not c cannot d may
- This bill be right. We didn't order five pizzas, did we?
a must b might c can't d may not
- This be a mistake – surely this price isn't right.
a must b can't c might d may

4 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- Don't buy her that book. I think she might to have read it already.
- You must had a lot of money to afford that. It cost over £200, didn't it?
- They can't have left without paying. That's a crime!
- He could have been asked for a loan to help him pay the bills.
- I may not have paid the bill on time which is why the bank has charged us.
- You can't forgotten to repay the loan. It was in the diary and on the calendar.

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

better have • can get lost • can not help •
might be • might forget • must be • must be •
must be • need • should always take

Twice a winner!

Tim and Nina Jones now think Tuesday (1) their lucky day. They both bought lottery tickets and used the same lucky numbers. After the Tuesday draw, Tim checked his ticket and realised they had won £500,000. Although Nina was asleep, Tim woke her up. She said 'You (2) a good reason for waking me up!' A few days later they found the second ticket in a kitchen drawer. Nina (3) so happy with the first win that she forgot she had another ticket. She was lucky that she (4) something from the drawer and found the ticket. Otherwise, they (5) all about it. She said the ticket (6) when she tidied up. She said she (7) feeling that someone was looking after her. Their motto now is that you (8) a chance and give something a go. You never know when you (9) a winner! As the saying goes: 'You (10) in it to win it!'