

MODAL MEANINGS IN CONTEXT

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What **must** a visitor do before entering?

Answer: Visitors **have to sign** in, but they **don't have to print** their tickets.

Remember: Use context to distinguish deduction, possibility, obligation, prohibition and permission.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What _____ visitors do before entering your workplace? (must; rule)

Answer: _____

2. What _____ delay a friend on the way here? (might; possibility)

Answer: _____

3. What _____ you have to do, but choose to anyway? (no obligation)

Answer: _____

4. _____ I borrow your phone for a moment? (may; permission)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. your / call / taxi / to / may / use / I / a / phone

2. must / journey / be / after / why / tired / she / that

3. visitors / what / mustn't / do

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

MODAL MEANINGS IN CONTEXT

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. must - What must visitors do before entering your workplace?

Sample answer: They must sign in at reception so we know who is in the building.

2. might - What might delay a friend on the way here?

Sample answer: A cancelled train might delay them, but I would check before assuming that.

3. don't - What don't you have to do, but choose to anyway?

Sample answer: I don't have to take notes at every meeting, but I find them useful.

4. May - May I borrow your phone for a moment?

Sample answer: Yes, you may borrow it. You can make your call while I finish packing.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. **May I use your phone to call a taxi?**

2. **Why must she be tired after that journey?**

3. **What mustn't visitors do?**

TEACHER NOTES

Must can be a rule or a deduction. Do not have to is optional; must not is forbidden.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.