

CAN/ COULD



He **can** play the piano.

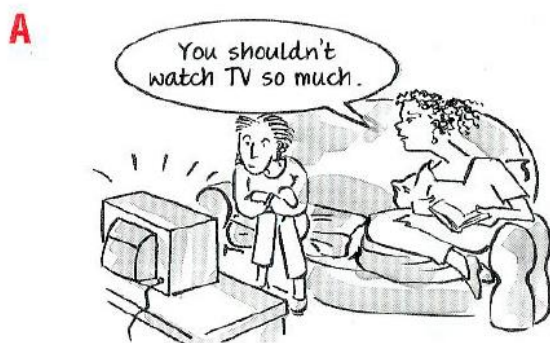


can + infinitive (can do / can play / can come etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it }	can cannot (can't)	do play see come etc.
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can	I/we/you/they he/she/it	do? play? see? come? etc.
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Need/ Should



should + infinitive (should do / should watch etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it }	should shouldn't	do stop go watch etc.
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- B** (You) **should** do something = it is a good thing to do, it is the right thing to do:
- Tom **should go** to bed earlier. He goes to bed very late and he's always tired.
 - It's a good film. You **should go** and see it.
 - When you play tennis, you **should** always **watch** the ball.
- C** (You) **shouldn't** do something = it is *not* a good thing to do. **Shouldn't** = should not:
- Tom **shouldn't go** to bed so late.
 - You watch TV all the time. You **shouldn't watch** TV so much.

Must/ Have to

Modal verbs: obligation

MUST

- We usually use **must** when we talk about necessary or important actions.

I must leave now. I don't want to be late.
We must remember to take our passports.

I You He She It We They	must	leave. go. stop. write.
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- Mustn't = must not.**
We use **mustn't** when something is not allowed it is strictly forbidden.

Student's **mustn't** eat or drink in the classroom.

I You He She It We They	mustn't	leave. go. stop. write.
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- Must not** is more formal and is used in written English.
- For the past, we use **had to** (*not must*).

- We **don't** usually use **must** to make questions.

I must leave at 6:00 *but* **Do I have to** leave at 6:00?

HAVE TO

- We use **have to** when we talk about a rule made for us by somebody else.

We **have to** wear a uniform at my school.

- Have to** changes to **has to** for he, she, it.

Paul **has to** do his homework now.

I You He She It We They	have to	leave. go. stop. write.
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- We use **don't have to** when something is not necessary. It is not forbidden though.

We **don't have to** go to school tomorrow.
Jim **doesn't have to** get up early tomorrow.

I You We They	don't have to	leave. go. stop. write.
He She It	<u>doesn't</u> <u>have to</u>	

Do	I you we they	have to go.
Does	he she it	

- ✓ Use **must or have to** when you say what you think its necessary, when you give your opinion:

It is a fantastic film. You **must** see it. *or* You **have to** see it.

- ✓ When you are not giving your personal opinion, use **have to** (*not must*)

In many countries men **have to** do military service.

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. Which sentence is correct?

- a. I can't to see you today.
- b. My parents can come to the party
- c. We can visiting you at the weekend

2. Which sentence is correct?

- a. You can play the violin?
- b. Can you play the violin?
- c. Play you the violin?

3. Which sentence is **NOT** correct?

- a. We can't see the television.
- b. David can't come to work today.
- c. I can't to fix your car, I'm afraid.

4. Which question is correct?

- a. Can you to help me please?
- b. You can please help me?
- c. Can you help me please?

5. Which question is **NOT** correct?

- a. Which sports can you play?
- b. Where I can put this box?
- c. What time can you come to the office?

6. _____ he understand what you were talking about?

- a. Could
- b. Cans
- c. Coulded

7. My sister _____ play tennis now.

- a. can to
- b. can
- c. will can

8. I _____ walk when I was less than a year old.

- a. can
- b. could
- c. have can

9. I _____ play the piano.

- a. can
- b. could
- c. cans

10. (Polite) _____ you tell me what time it is, please?

- a. Can
- b. Will
- c. Could

II. Choose the correct answer.

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III. Choose the correct answer.

<http://www.autoenglish.org/modalverbs/ModalsObligation.htm>