

Grammar

Modal verbs

1 Match 1–6 with a–f to make complete sentences.

- 1 You don't have to walk
 - 2 You have to make
 - 3 I can't afford
 - 4 Can I make
 - 5 You can find
 - 6 Do we have to pay
- a an effort if you want to find somewhere to live in this city.
- b a deposit when we rent an apartment?
- c lots of interesting books on architecture in the library.
- d changes to my house without permission from the local council?
- e to live here because house prices are so expensive.
- f very far in the city to see some really ugly modern architecture.

2 Complete these sentences with the modal verbs from the box, depending on the function of each verb at the end of the sentences. You can use more than one verb in some sentences.

can	can't	could	couldn't	don't have to
had to	have to	may	might	must
mustn't	should			

- 1 I start looking for somewhere to live as soon as possible. (*I think this is a good idea or is important.*)
- 2 I hand in my essay on town planning until Friday. (*It is not necessary for me to do this.*)
- 3 I come round to your place now if you like. (*I am able to do this.*)
- 4 There's so much crime in the area that I keep my doors locked all the time. (*I think this is necessary or essential.*)
- 5 The council has told me that I make any changes to the front of my house without permission. (*I am not allowed to do this.*)

- 6 When I looked out of the window, the only thing I see was miles and miles of identical housing. (*I was able to do this.*)
- 7 I look for somewhere new to live next year. (*This is possible, now, or in the future, but I am not sure if I'll do it.*)
- 8 I understand why so many people dislike modern architecture. (*I am not able to do this.*)
- 9 I call you because I was too busy. (*I was not able to do this.*)
- 10 Last week I give a talk on the architect Le Corbusier. (*It was necessary for me to do this.*)

3 (23) Read this summary of a conversation between Sam and Chris. Then listen to the conversation. Complete the passage which follows it with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box in Exercise 2.

Chris 1 couldn't go to Teresa's party on Saturday because he 2 finish an essay and start work on an assignment. He 3 get the assignment finished by this Friday. He 4 hand it in until Monday, but he's going away for the weekend with Pat. He's not sure where he'll go, but he 5 drive down to Chichester to see some friends (although before he goes, he 6 replace a tyre on his car). Unfortunately, he's not getting on very well with the assignment. He 7 find any books in the library, so he 8 look on the Internet. He found a website called Unipedia, but his friend Sam says that he 9 believe what he reads on that website because it's full of mistakes. Chris wants to know if Sam 10 recommend something else. Sam thinks that Chris 11 look on a website called Urban Environment. Chris wants to know if he 12 sign up or have a password.