

A. Transform the following sentences using the right form of the modal verb given in brackets.

1. Is your sister able to look after the babies? She is only 16! (can)
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2. Perhaps they will have a long holiday abroad next spring. (may)
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3. Please help me with the housework today, I feel tired. (could)
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4. According to me it's advisable for Paul to save some money; he spends everything he earns! (should)
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5. We don't have to go to the supermarket; we have all the ingredients for that new Indian recipe. (need)
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6. The weather forecast is for rain and snow in the mountains tomorrow. (might)
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B. It is Wednesday evening and next Friday Maggie is leaving for a short holiday. Look at the notes in her diary. She has underlined what she has already done. Write what she should have done, she had to do, she didn't need to do, she'd better do, she might do and she has to do.

Tuesday

a.m. collect plane tickets

p.m. buy suitcase

Wednesday

a.m. visit mum (no !! phone)

p.m. call Susan to look after
dog, key necessary for her

Thursday

a.m. check time ??

p.m. pack before bed

1. On Tuesday afternoon Maggie the plane tickets at the travel agency.
2. In the afternoon she a new suitcase, but her sister gave her one of hers so she to look for one.
3. This morning she her mother but she didn't have enough time so she thought she phone.
4. This afternoon she Susan to ask her to look after her dog because she to give her a key.
5. On Thursday morning she the time on the Net just to be sure.
6. She before going to bed because she
... get up very early to be at the airport in time.

C. Underline the correct alternative.

Fashion or Torture?

These days young boys and girls in most European countries *don't have to/needn't/can't* wear a uniform to go to school. This form of freedom isn't appreciated by some teachers and parents. Some say that students *shouldn't/ought to/may* have a uniform as they usually wear low waist or hipster jeans which are cool among teenagers. This type of jeans look uncomfortable and they're so large that people *could/ought/can* see their pants or, very often, their most intimate tattoos. Some principals in the UK informed parents that their kids *must/ought/had to* attend lessons without their piercing, a fashion which *may/needs/must* seem a sort of tribal rite. On the other hand parents usually think this is only a harmless fashion and school staff *must/shouldn't/can't* be so old fashioned and out of date.

