Unit 10 · Obligations and Prohibitions

STUDY NOTES

The unit in one line

- **rules**: **must, have to** (necessary), **can** (allowed), **can't, mustn't** (forbidden), **don't have to** (not necessary)
- a WHO leaflet (someone sick at home), the **Central Zoo**'s rules; **must, can't, might** for guessing; a leaflet and a set of rules to write

Getting started

- the four signs:
  1. a hand with food, crossed out: **Don't feed the animals.**
  2. two people, >**2 m**: **Keep a distance** of more than two meters.
  3. a cigarette, crossed out: **No smoking.**
  4. a shouting face, crossed out: **No shouting** / keep quiet.
- a **red ring with a line across** = not allowed
- **song**: pairs of helping verbs (*can / could, will / would, may / might, ought to / should*), then *have to, must, mustn't, can't, don't have to, needn't*; you can go on green, but you mustn't on red
- **modal verbs** (modals) go before a main verb and change its meaning: *I **can** swim. I **must** swim. I **might** swim.*
- modals never take **-s**, and the verb after is plain: *she **must go*** (not *must goes*, *must to go*); *have to, be able to* change like ordinary verbs: *she **has** to go*

Reading I: What to Do If Someone Is Sick in Your Household

- a **leaflet** by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, on COVID-19 at home: big title, short lines, one instruction a box, each starting with a **verb** (*prepare, keep, wear, use, clean, monitor*)
- three groups of advice:
  1. **isolate the sick person**: a separate room or space, **well ventilated** (windows open often)
  2. **reduce contact with the virus**:
     - **one** contact person: healthy, not at high risk, few contacts outside
     - a **medical mask** in the same room
     - separate dishes, cups, utensils, bedding
     - clean and **disinfect** often-touched surfaces **frequently**
  3. **take care of the sick person**: watch the **symptoms** regularly; special care if at high risk; rest and stay **hydrated**
- **danger signs** (call a health worker at once): **difficulty breathing**, **loss of speech or mobility**, **confusion**, **chest pain**
- why one helper: fewer people, fewer paths for the virus (**reducing contacts**)
- five safety measures, each a command: keep a distance, wash your hands (20 seconds), wear a mask, cover coughs with your elbow, stay at home if sick

Key words

isolated: away from others.
ventilated: with fresh air moving round.
disinfect: clean with something that kills germs.
symptoms: changes that show you are ill.
hydrated: with enough water in the body.
utensils: kitchen and eating tools.
monitor: watch carefully over a time.
household: everyone living in one house.
yell: shout loudly.
taunt: a remark made to anger or hurt.
hazards: dangers or risks.
prohibited: forbidden.
veterinarian: an animal doctor.
accompanied: with someone going along.

Pronunciation: health words

- *antibody, contact, trace, isolate, coronavirus, epidemic, pandemic, immunity, hygiene, sanitizer*
- **antibody**: made in the blood to fight a germ; **trace**: find whom someone met; **immunity**: the body's power to resist a disease; **hygiene**: keeping clean to stay healthy
- **epidemic**: many people in one area or country; **pandemic** (*pan* = all): across much of the world; WHO called COVID-19 a pandemic in **March 2020**

Listening: making pizza

- a **grandmother and her granddaughter**, in the **kitchen**
- the answers:
  - **pizza**
  - **apron**
  - **dough**
  - **rolling pin**
  - not the **onion** (it stings the eyes)
  - she can cut the **bacon**
  - careful with the **knife**
  - bake no more than **15 minutes**
  - **ice cream** in the park
  - roller skates and **bike**
- two-word verbs = **modal + plain verb**: *should wear, must mix, must roll, can cut, must put, shouldn't bake, could get, would like, shall take*

Reading II: Central Zoo Rules

- Nepal's **Central Zoo**, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur: rules for visitors, each a heading and a reason
- the rules:
  - **respect the animals**: don't **yell**, **taunt**, bang on enclosures, throw things
  - **respect the boundaries**: never cross a fence; don't touch (teeth bite, claws scratch): safe for visitors and animals

    - **don't feed the animals**: vet-planned diets; except **Feed Your Friends**, with approved food from the **gift shop**
    - **no smoking**, even in the **parking lot** (fire **hazards**, health)
    - **no pets**: to protect the zoo's animals and yours
    - **children supervised at all times**; **under 16** with an adult
- written as **commands** (*Do not yell*), with **must**, and formal words (*not permitted, prohibited*)
- **true / false:** tease (shouldn't: **T**); feed (**F**); smoke in the parking lot (**F**); pets (**F**); a 15-year-old alone (**F**)
- **the zoo:** began **1932** (Juddha Shumsher's private zoo); public **1956**; run by the **National Trust for Nature Conservation** since **1995**; about **6 hectares**

Grammar I: rules with modals

Meaning	Words	Example
allowed	can, be allowed to	*You **can** put your shoes there.*
not allowed	can't, be not allowed to	*You **can't** leave your car there.*
necessary	must, have to	*You **have to** have a license to drive a tractor.*
not necessary	don't have to	*You **don't have to** have a license to ride a bicycle.*
forbidden	mustn't	*You **mustn't** park here.*

- **must**: the speaker feels it, or a written rule (*I **must** call my sister. Passengers **must** wear seat belts.*)
- **have to**: someone else makes it necessary (*I **have to** wear a uniform.*); he / she → **has to**
- past of both: **had to** (*Yesterday I **had to** walk home.*); **must** has no past
- **mustn't** = don't do it; **don't have to** = you needn't, but you may:
    - *You **mustn't** cross on red.*
    - *You **don't have to** bring lunch: there's a party.*
- *You mustn't worry about me* = a kind *please don't worry*
- **should, shouldn't**: advice, a good idea, not a rule
- the exercise: **can't** (park, a sign) · **mustn't** (sell without prescriptions) · **can't** (staff car park) · **must** (baggage) · **mustn't** (be late) · **must** (call my sister) · **don't have to** (pay online) · **mustn't** (hit) · **don't have to** (remember everything) · **can't** (meat) · **can** (25 minutes)

Grammar II: guessing with must, can't, might

- **must be**: almost sure it's true, from a clue: *The lights are on. They **must be** at home.*
- **can't be**: almost sure it isn't: *You've just eaten. You **can't be** hungry!*
- **might / may / could be**: perhaps: *It **might** rain later.*
- past: modal + **have** + past participle: *She **might have gone** to the bank.*
- for guessing, the opposite of *must be* is **can't be**, never *mustn't be*
- the exercise: **must be** (I saw them) · **might rain** · **might** have gone · **couldn't go** (I had to work)

Speaking

- signs with **must / mustn't**: a **red ring with a slash** forbids, a **blue circle** says what to do, a **yellow or red heading** warns
    - *You **must** keep left. You **mustn't** take photographs. You **must** be 18 or older to enter.*
- **Dinesh's list**: *He **has to pay** the electricity bill.* (has to + plain verb)
- **How to…** (pass an exam): *You **have to** go to every class. You **don't have to** study all night. You **mustn't** copy.*

Writing

- **a leaflet** for juniors:
    1. a big title
    2. short instructions, each a verb, one a line: **Do** and **Don't** lists
    3. a simple drawing beside each
    4. the warning signs and whom to tell, in a box
    5. few words: understood in a minute
- **rules** (a library or lab, six or more):
    - a title; short numbered lines
    - each starting with a modal or a command
    - a **reason** after a rule: *You **mustn't** eat near the computers. A spill can ruin a keyboard.*
- **school rules**: *must* attend every lesson, *mustn't* be late; some gaps take more than one word: say what you mean
- **project:** COVID-19 rules for the gate, classrooms, toilets, canteen, from a trusted source (WHO, the Ministry of Health and Population)

Extra bit: The Four Smart Students

- four students party, skip study; tell the **Dean** a tyre burst and they pushed the car
- the re-test, in **separate rooms**: name (1 point), **which tyre burst?** (99 points)
- why: a true story gives one answer; no tyre burst, so **no right answer**; **yes**, they lied
- all four match by chance only 1 time in 4 × 4 × 4 = **64**

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ She musts finish her homework.
✓ She **must** finish her homework.

✗ You must to wear a helmet.
✓ You **must wear** a helmet.

✗ He have to get up early.
✓ He **has to** get up early.

✗ Yesterday I must walk to school.
✓ Yesterday I **had to** walk to school.

✗ You mustn't buy a ticket. Entry is free.
✓ You **don't have to** buy a ticket.

✗ He has a fever. He mustn't be well.
✓ He **can't be** well.