## After an Earthquake

## Discover Grammar

Listen and read. 3006

There was an earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2011. James' home was damaged and he was hurt.

**Doctor** Good morning, James. How are you feeling

today? Can you walk OK now?

James No, I can't. I could walk a little yesterday,

but I can't walk now.

Doctor May I have a look at your leg? James Yes, sure, but it really hurts.

Doctor OK, I'll be very careful. Could you lift your

leg for me?

James No, it hurts too much.

Doctor You must lift it. Or how can I check it?

James It must be broken.

Doctor No, I'm sure it can't be broken. But the bone might

be damaged.

James OK.

James

**Doctor** Well, you will have to rest for a few days. Then you

need to walk every day for about ten minutes. If that feels OK, you will have to start running short distances.

Can I do some soccer training?

Doctor Yes, you can. You may train for twenty minutes two or

three times a week.





- Listen again and underline the modals (can, can't, could, may, must, might, will have to, need to).
- Read the conversation again. Complete the sentences.

1 James \_\_\_\_\_ walk today.
2 He \_\_\_\_\_ walk a little yesterday.

3 The bone isn't broken but it \_\_\_\_\_\_ be damaged.

4 The doctor tells James he \_\_\_\_\_\_ rest his leg for a few days.

5 The doctor says he \_\_\_\_\_\_ do some soccer training.

6 He says James train for twenty minutes two or three times a week.

## Learn Grammar



Read and learn.



## Learn Grammar Modals

The modal verbs can, can't, could, may, must, might, will have to, need to are used to take about as obligation and necessity, and possibility and deduction. They are also used to ask and give permission and to make requests.

Ability: Use can or can't to talk about someone's skill or general abilities. Use can or can't to talk about the ability to do something at a given time in the present.

In the future, you use will / won't be able to. Use could or couldn't, was / wasn't able to to talk about past time.

Can you walk now?

I can't walk now.

I could walk a little yesterday.

Permission: Use can, could, or may to ask or give someone permission to do something. May and could are more formal and polite than can.

Can / Could I do some soccer training?

You can do some training.

You may train two or three times a week.

Requests: Use can, could, would, or may to ask someone to do something.

May, would, and could are more formal and more polite than can.

Can / May I have a look at your leg?

Could you lift your leg for me?

Obligation and necessity: Use must / (will) have to / need to to say that it is necessary to do something.

You must lift it.

He has to stay in bed.

You will have to rest your leg.

You need to walk every day for about ten minutes.

Only use *must* for obligation and necessity in the present and the future.

When you want to talk about obligation and necessity in the past, you use had to.

He had to rest his leg.

Possibility and deduction: Use may, could, or might if you are not completely sure about something.

The bone might be damaged.

Use must for possibility and deduction when you are more sure of something.

It must be broken.



- Read the sentences and circle the correct words.
  - 1 Can you walk now?
  - 2 You can do some training.
  - 3 May I have a look at your leg?
  - 4 Could you lift your leg for me?
  - 5 You must lift it.

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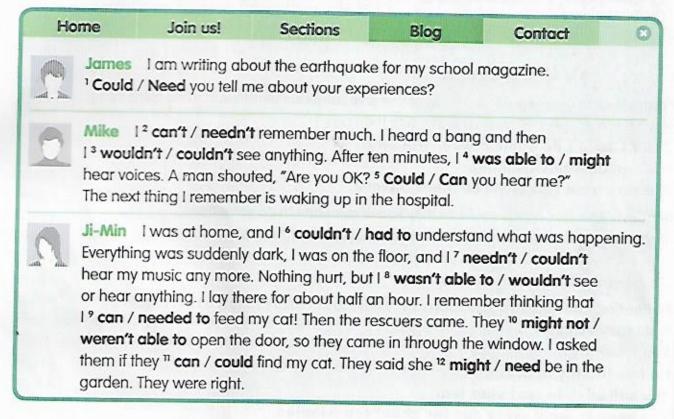
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- 6 You will have to rest your leg.
- 7 You need to walk every day.
- 8 It must be broken.

ability / permission request / permission permission / request request / permission request / obligation request / obligation obligation / permission request / deduction

Read the blog posts that people wrote after the earthquake. Circle the correct words.



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- Read the blog posts in again and write questions. Use the correct modals.
  - 1 What / remember / Mike? What can Mike remember?
  - 2 What / Mike / see?
  - 3 What / Mike / hear?
  - 4 What / Ji-Min / understand?
  - 5 Ji-Min / hear / her / music?
  - 6 the rescuers / open / door?