

## Grammar **permission**, **obligation**, **and necessity**

Consolidation

- a Right ( $\checkmark$ ) or wrong ( $\checkmark$ )? Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.
  - 1 These jeans are too tight. I should have tried them on before buying them. 🗸
  - 2 Emma's still very upset about her divorce, so you hadn't better ask her about it.
  - 3 The invitation said we didn't need to wear formal clothes, so we wore jeans.
  - 4 Employees don't have to download any software as it's against company rules.
  - 5 We're supposed to finish early on Fridays, but always end up staying late.
  - 6 If you want to be sure of passing your exam, you really ought study more.
  - 7 The boss is in a bad mood today so you'd better watch out.
  - 8 You don't need to show your passport for domestic travel within the UK.
  - 9 We ought to think of that solution earlier. It's too late now.
- **b** Circle the correct alternative in each pair. Tick ( $\checkmark$ ) if both are possible.
  - BECKY Hi, I'm Becky. I'm Amanda's new personal assistant.
  - MATT Well, you <sup>1</sup> (can't) / needn't sit on that chair because it's mine. The assistants sit over there.
  - BECKY I'm so sorry.
  - MATT You <sup>2</sup> **needn't / don't have to** apologize. And incidentally, never apologize to the boss.

    Amanda says we <sup>3</sup> **mustn't / aren't allowed to** ever say sorry, just do the job and do it well. Have you met her yet, by the way?
  - BECKY Only briefly, at my interview.
  - MATT Well, you <sup>4</sup> had to / had better get ready for a shock. By the end of today you'll be wondering if you <sup>5</sup> should / must have accepted this job.
  - BECKY What do you mean?
  - MATT Let's just say that you <sup>6</sup> can't / don't have to relax when she's around.

    Oh, and you <sup>7</sup> must / should have her carrot juice ready by 11 a.m. and it's already three minutes past. You <sup>8</sup> should / had better hurry up!
- C Look at the pairs you have ticked. Is there any difference in meaning?



