

**Consolidation**

a Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? 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 (✓) 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!



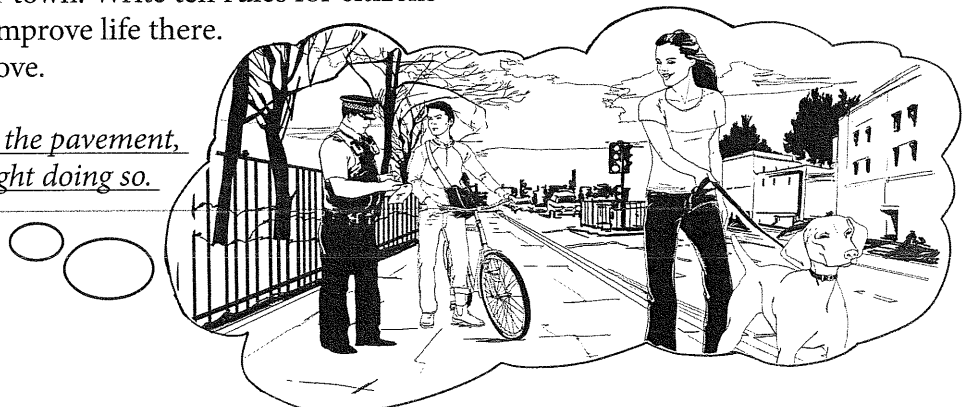
c Look at the pairs you have ticked. Is there any difference in meaning?

**Activation**

Imagine you are the mayor of your town. Write ten rules for citizens to follow which you think would improve life there. Use the grammar from a and b above.

Example:

*Cyclists are **not allowed to ride on the pavement**, and will be fined on the spot if caught doing so.*



# SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 5A

## PERMISSION, OBLIGATION, AND NECESSITY

a)

2 (wrong) had better not

3 (right)

4 (wrong) mustn't download

5 (right)

6 (wrong) ought to

7 (right)

8 (right)

9 (wrong) ought to have thought of

b)

2 (right)

3 (right)

4 had better

5 should

6 can't

7 (right)

8 (right)

c) no difference

3 no difference

7 *must* is stronger

8 *had better* is mor urgent