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Underline the correct word/s.

- 1 That looks like Carlos over there, but it can't/mustn't be. He's in Germany.
- 2 Marie isn't at her office, so she can/must be on her way here.
- 3 I think you need to/have necessity to get some advice from your colleagues.
- 4 Is your car door damaged? Someone must tried/have tried to break in.
- 5 It's getting very late. I think we'd better/we would pay the bill and leave.
- 6 I might/can be able to help you, but I'm not sure.
- 7 Yes, it's a good idea, we should/must consult more closely with the unions.
- 8 It's absolutely necessary, we should/must consult more closely with the unions.
- 9 Lucy can't have/must have heard the bad news. She looks so happy.
- 10 Sorry, I must to/have to go now. I don't want to be late.
- 11 You might not/don't need to come to the meeting if you're busy.
- 12 This invoice can't/mustn't be right. It says £550 to repair the photocopier!

Exercise 2

Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the list below.

have to had to ~~don't have to~~ didn't have to must mustn't must have
might have should could

- 1 We're trying a new dress code. We don't have to wear formal clothes on Fridays.
- 2 You touch that button! The whole production line will stop!
- 3 I'm not sure, but I think I made a mistake.
- 4 Before we agree, we'll study the contract in more detail.
- 5 Sorry I can't stay any longer. I really go now or I'll miss my train.
- 6 If you needed the goods urgently, we speed up the order.
- 7 Sorry I'm late, but I go to the doctor's.
- 8 It been embarrassing for you to forget his name.
- 9 I think we accept their offer. It's the best we'll get.
- 10 Luckily, I attend the meeting yesterday, so I managed to finish all my paperwork.

Exercise 3

Match the uses of *would* a)–g) with the sentences 1–7 below.

a) offering help b) offering things c) polite request d) invitations
e) reporting what someone said f) imaginary future with 'if' g) past refusal

- 1 Would you mind calling back later? c
- 2 What would you do if they refused to negotiate?
- 3 Would you like some milk in your coffee?
- 4 Would you like to join us for dinner tomorrow evening?
- 5 They wouldn't reduce the price under any circumstances.
- 6 Would you like me to open the window?
- 7 He said he would call back later.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning as the first sentence. Use a word or phrase from the list below.

can't might should have to don't have to ~~ought to~~ can't be might be
must be should be

- 1 It would be a good idea to bring in a firm of consultants.
We **ought to** bring in a firm of consultants.
- 2 *It's not necessary for you to leave a deposit.*
You leave a deposit.
- 3 *I'm sure that isn't John, because he's in Paris.*
That John, because he's in Paris.
- 4 Ann is almost certainly with a customer.
Ann with a customer.
- 5 I expect the meeting will be finished by ten.
The meeting finished by ten.
- 6 It's possible that I'll be late.
I late.
- 7 We are not allowed to dispose of waste in that way.
We dispose of waste in that way.
- 8 Perhaps I'll see you on Thursday evening.
I see you on Thursday evening.
- 9 It's the rule that we check all bank references.
We check all bank references.
- 10 You'd better speak to her as soon as possible.
You speak to her as soon as possible.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning as the first sentence. Use a phrase from the list below.

~~might have~~ can't have could have should have (x2) must have shouldn't have might not have

- 1 Perhaps David made a mistake.
David **might have** made a mistake.
- 2 I'm sure that she worked very hard on this project.
She worked very hard on this project.
- 3 I'm sure the warranty hasn't expired already.
The warranty expired already.
- 4 It would have been a good idea for you to tell me.
You told me.
- 5 Perhaps you didn't see the line we launched at the Munich Fair.
You seen the line we launched at the Munich Fair.
- 6 I was expecting them to call by now.
They called by now.
- 7 It was a bad idea for us to drop our prices so much.
We dropped our prices so much.
- 8 It was possible for us to see this problem coming.