

In Other Words

- Perhaps he is working now.
He may be working now.
- I'm sure he hasn't got the letter yet.
He can't have got the letter yet.
- I'm sure she understood.
She must have understood.
- Shall I help you do your homework?
Would you like me to help you do your homework?
- Was it necessary for you to help her?
Did you need to help her?
- It's forbidden to smoke in here.
You mustn't smoke in here.
You aren't allowed to smoke in here.
- He is likely to buy a sports car.
It is likely that he will buy a sports car.
He'll probably buy a sports car.
- It isn't necessary for him to work today.
He doesn't have to/doesn't need to/needn't work today.
- It wasn't necessary for them to buy so much food.
They needn't have bought so much food.
- It would be a good idea to avoid eating sweets.
You should avoid eating sweets.
- Let's try doing this exercise.
Shall we try doing this exercise?
- Would you mind if I used your pen?
May/Might I use your pen?

10 Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

- 1 Perhaps the bridge collapsed because of the storm.
have The bridge ...*may/might have collapsed*... because of the storm.
- 2 He'll probably come to the party.
likely He
- 3 You mustn't photograph any of the paintings.
allowed You
- 4 It's forbidden to touch the statues in the museum.
touch You
- 5 I'm sure he didn't cheat in the exam.
cheated He
- 6 Was it necessary for you to call a doctor?
need Did
- 7 Shall I carry your shopping for you?
me Would
- 8 I'm sure Ann didn't do it on purpose.
have Ann
- 9 Might I take some photos?
if Would
- 10 Let's go and see "The Blob" tonight.
we Shall
- 11 It isn't necessary for you to do that exercise.
need You
- 12 It would be a good idea to eat less high-cholesterol food.
should You
- 13 It wasn't necessary for him to take a coat but he did.
taken He
- 14 I'm sure Ann spends all her money on clothes.
spend Ann
- 15 Was it necessary for you to say that?
have Did
- 16 I'm sure he knew what he was doing.
known He
- 17 Perhaps she's busy at the moment.
be She