

A2.2 Advice/Obligations

Useful Language:

- You should use protective sunscreen.
- You mustn't make personal phone calls.
- You don't have to wear a suit at work.

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The Problem Page: *Dear Julie...*
Read through the three letters to this 'agony aunt' on this and the next page. What advice would you give to these people. What should they do?



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Dear Julie,
What should I say to my girlfriend if I want us to go out more and she refuses? I can't persuade her to get out of the house. We've been together for 3 years and only really go out and have fun once every 5 months. How can I get her out of the house to have a good night out?
James

They should take up a hobby...

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Dear Julie,

I love my partner dearly but I have a real problem because he hates soap and water and clean clothing. He wasn't like this when I first met him. He lives in my house and helps with the bills but I hate him being in my bed because to be honest, he smells. I've tried hinting to him and also just being direct but nothing works. I don't want to ask him to leave but I will have to if he can't respect me enough to spend 5 minutes a day in the shower. He has enough time to spend 4 hours a day in the pub when I'm at work. Any suggestions? Many thanks,

She should...

M.B

Dear Julie

When I was 10 my mum died. Then at school I just stopped trying and got into trouble because I just thought, "What's the point?" Now I'm 15 and I've realised that I've ruined my life.

Christopher

He should...

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Discuss with your partner which of the verbs in the box is most appropriate in the following situations.

**Have to? Don't have to? Must? Mustn't?
Should? Shouldn't?**

- 1.) teenagers wear a uniform at high school?
- 2.) go to bed at a particular time when you're little?
- 3.) drop rubbish in the street?
- 4.) spit in public places?
- 5.) use protective sunscreen if you have sensitive skin?
- 6.) do military service in your country?
- 7.) kiss people when you say goodbye?
- 8.) stand up when a woman enters the room?
- 9.) touch the Queen of England?
- 10.) cover your head in a religious place?
- 11.) get married before having children?
- 12.) wear a ring if you are married?
- 13.) wear white if you are the bride?
- 14.) brush your teeth twice a day?
- 15.) go to university?
- 16.) be nice to your mother-in-law?
- 17.) give your seat to old people on a crowded bus or train?
- 18.) give money to beggars in the street?
- 19.) buy a T.V. license?
- 20.) buy a dog license?

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Role play: The Job Interview

Imagine you are applying for a job and your partner is your potential employer. You will want to ask about the things you can/can't/must/mustn't/should/shouldn't do. Your employer will tell you what the rules are.

- + wear a suit/uniform?
- + be at my desk at 8.30 every morning?
- + stay until 5.00 p.m. every day?
- + make personal phone calls?
- + smoke anywhere?
- + pay for coffee/tea?
- + park in the car park?
- + work at the weekend?
- + surf the internet?

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Imagine you are "Julie", the 'agony aunt', then choose one of the letters describing problems from the first activity and write a reply giving advice. Remember to be kind and sympathetic!

*Dear Christopher,
I was really sorry to hear about...*

