Modal Verbs of Obligation Exercise

A Check through the different uses.

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B Decide which type of modal verb goes with each sentence and then fill the gaps with have to, must, ought or should. When you see NEGATIVE, the modal verb must be in a negative form.

TYPE

1  If you want to lose weight, you ................. eat pasta, potatoes, white bread or white rice. NEGATIVE

2  It's alright. You ................. come to Muriel's wedding if you don't want to. NEGATIVE

3  Stupid boy! You ................. play with matches! NEGATIVE

4  You haven't heard from Eleonora for ages. Maybe you ................. give her a ring.

5  You ................. remember your passport. Otherwise they won't let you on the plane.

6  The weather forecast says this weekend will be fine. We ................. go on a picnic.

7  You ................. go there on your own. It's extremely dangerous. NEGATIVE

8  You ................. come if you don't feel like it. NEGATIVE

9  You ................. take life so seriously. Relax a bit. NEGATIVE

10 Orange juice in cartons has no goodness in it at all. You ................. make it yourself.

11 You ................. drink and drive. NEGATIVE

12 These instructions are difficult to follow. They ................. to explain things better.

C Now make up some examples of your own.

1 ...................................................................................................................

2 ...................................................................................................................

3 ...................................................................................................................

4 ...................................................................................................................
Answers

1. If you want to lose weight, you shouldn't eat pasta, potatoes, white bread or white rice.
2. It's alright. You don't have to come to Muriel's wedding if you don't want to.
3. Stupid boy! You mustn't play with matches!
4. I haven't heard from Eleonora for ages. Maybe I should give her a ring.
5. You must remember your passport. Otherwise they won't let you on the plane.
6. The weather forecast says this weekend will be fine. We should go on a picnic.
7. You mustn't go there on your own. It's extremely dangerous.
8. You don't have to come if you don't feel like it.
10. Orange juice in cartons has no goodness in it at all. You should make it yourself.
11. You mustn't drink and drive.
12. These instructions are difficult to follow. They ought to explain things better.