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Moving

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn about and practice usuing modal verbs of obligation.
Reading and listening comprehension and role plays.



Activity One – Questions

1. How many times have you had to move in the past?
2. Have you ever moved to another part of your country or a different country entirely?
3. What is the best part of moving and the worst for you?
4. If you could move anywhere, where would you move to?

Activity Two – Modal verbs of obligation



Read the information below about modal verbs of obligation

Must –

Must is used to express obligation imposed by the speaker – an obligation you put on youtself
In the past tense we use 'HAD to' rather than must
I had to go to the doctors yesterday.

Have to -

This is an obligation given from an external source. It is more common to use 'have to' instead of 'must' in questions (Do we have to do this exercise?)

Need -

Need is used to express necessity – We NEED to work until late tonight

Should -

We use this for a weaker obligation (not as strong as must) – a moral or personal obligation
I should save more money each month

Activity Three – Create your own

Try to create your own examples using each of the modal verbs above

Have to -

Must -

Should -

Need to -

Activity four – Gap Fill
Fill in the gaps with one of the following modal verbs : have to / must / need / should

Moving house can be very exciting. You have a new space to furnish and decorate and sometimes a new city or neighbourhood to explore.
When you move into a new flat there is always a lot of work to do and decisions to be made.

First of all you ..... to decide what you will take with you from your old home and what you will leave behind, throw away, donate or recycle. This depends on whether you are moving to a furnished or unfurnished apartment.

You ..... also cancel your gas, electricity, water and Internet in your old apartment. This is very important!

If you were renting your previous apartment and you want to get your deposit back you ..... make sure you clean it thoroughly before you give back your keys. Your landlord will check everything carefully during the inventory and you will ..... pay for anything you have broken, marked, scratched or made dirty.

Activity five – Reading comprehension
Read the extract below and answer the comprehension questions

When I moved house last weekend I was expecting my friend who has a car to drive me to my new apartment. He had agreed to do this the week before. So on moving day when I woke up in the morning I was very disappointed to see that he had sent me a message to say that his car had broken down and he would no longer be able to drive me.

None of my other friends have cars so I had to think of another solution... I moved all my stuff outside and called a taxi. When the taxi arrived the driver wasn't happy to see all my suitcases and bags. He told me that normally taxi drivers are not supposed to help people move house. It's too time consuming and it's not good for the taxis to be loaded with so many heavy items.

I told the driver I was sorry but that I had no other option because my friend's car had broken down. Luckily for me he was a kind man and he agreed to transport me and all my possessions to my new apartment. My boyfriend wasn't able to come with us because we had to use all the back seats. He came by bike and arrived at our new flat a few minutes after our taxi. When we arrived there was nowhere to park outside my residence. We eventually found a parking place further down the street on the opposite side of the road.

He helped me take all my bags and suitcases out of the taxi and to my surprise he picked them up and helped me carry them down the street. There is a pedestrian crossing with traffic lights opposite my residence and he patiently waited with me several times to cross the road until we had finished moving all my things. When we had finished I was so grateful I gave him some money to say thank you. I really don't know how I would have managed without him!

Comprehension questions

- Why wasn't her friend able to drive her to her new house?
- Why wasn't the taxi driver happy when he arrived at her old address?
- Why couldn't her boyfriend go with her in the taxi?
- How did her boyfriend get to the new apartment?
- Where did the taxi park when they arrived at the destination?
- Why was the girl so grateful at the end?

Activity six – Connect the sentences

Select the right second half of the sentences below – why are each used in that way?

I really must go	harder on this project to succeed
I need to work	finish packing before the movers arrive
We have to	late to the meeting
You should	and see my grandma soon
We shouldn't be	Call your sister more often

Activity seven – Listening Comprehension

Listen to the videos and answer the comprehension questions about each video

Our obligation to the planet

« Dear Future Generations: Sorry » (the first 2:40)



Questions

1. What does he want to say to future generations?
2. What does 'caught up in' mean?
3. What didn't we realise?
4. What does he call the Amazon rainforest?
5. What are amazing and how did we destroy them?
6. What percentage of trees have been cut in the last 100 years
7. What can't you swim in anymore?
8. What do we describe this destruction as?

Moving

« top ten moving tips – soothingsista » (the first 3:00 minutes)

1. How many packing tips are there?
2. How many boxes do you need to buy?
3. What kind of tape does she use?
4. What sizebox should you buy and why?
5. Where should you put everything?
6. What does the word 'stackable' mean?

Activity eight – Dialogues

Read the dialogue below with a partner or your teacher. Identify the modal verbs used in the dialogue and why they are used there

Caroline: Hello, how are you today?

Sebastien: Great thank you

Caroline: Would you like our assitance with your move today?

Sebastien: Yes I would, thank you

Caroline: What would you like us to move for you?

Sebastien: I need you to move the bigger items

Caroline: Can you tell me what kind of residence you live in and if there will be stairs?

Sebastien: I live in an apartment and the lift is broken so you have to take the stairs to the third floor

Caroline: OK, and where will we be moving it to?

Sebastien: You will be taking it to a house about 20 minutes from the first location

Caroline: That sounds fine, but you should deconstruct the furniture as much as possible before we arrive in order to speed up delivery to the new place

Sebastien: I can do that

Caroline: Ok great, so I just need both addresses and we will take care of it for you

Sebastien: Thank you so much!

Activity nine – *Role Plays*

Act out one of the following role plays with a new partner. Try to use modal verbs of obligation

1. You are trying to teach your younger siblings about the importance of protecting the environment and what they must do to help save it.

2. Your manager wants to fire you and you have to tell them the reasons they need to keep you on.

3. You are moving and your friend decides they want to as well, you discuss all the things you have to do before you leave for a new adventure.



