

### **School and university rules modals (academic vocabulary)**

*With your partner; decide which are the best 3 school rules and worst 3 school rules below:*

Children have to attend class on Saturdays but they can go home early on Wednesdays.

You have to **retake** your end of year **exams** during the summer holiday if you **flunk** (=fail) them in June

You have to wear a **mortarboard** hat for your **graduation** ceremony

You have to raise your hand when you want to speak in class

You can't wear short skirts, hooded tops, very baggy trousers, ripped jeans or anything pink. If you do so, your **home room** teacher can send you home to get changed.

You have to do **detention** after school if you arrive late

You can drop all **foreign language** courses when you are 16

You have to do **PE** (= Physical Education) outside in all weathers

You can be **expelled** from school for **cheating** in tests

If you have dyed hair, you can be **suspended** from school until it grows out

You aren't allowed any physical contact with other students, including shaking hands

You aren't allowed to smoke while wearing school **uniform**, even outside the school gates

You are aren't allowed to run in the school **corridors**, and you have to walk on the left

Mobile phones can be **confiscated** by the teacher

Pupils can't eat lunch outside the school **canteen**

**Secondary school** students have to do military training

Students can decide their own **curriculum** and if they want to go to lessons or just do **self-study** in the library

Children have to sing the national anthem and salute the flag at school **assembly**

**Pupils** aren't allowed to wear any religious items, e.g. a cross or headscarf.

Junior pupils have to help senior pupils carry their books etc. (= fagging)

Naughty children can be punished by being made to write **lines** (=the same sentence 100 or more times)

Very badly behaved children can be given **corporal punishment**, e.g. **the cane** (a stick)

Even in the **playground**, children cannot use their mother tongue or dialect. They must use standard English at all times

**6<sup>th</sup> formers** have to help teach the younger kids

Girls have to wear coloured ribbons in their hair showing which **grade** and class they are in

Children must always call the teacher '**sir**' or '**miss**'

All students have to study **RE** (= Religious Education)

Parents don't have to pay **tuition fees** or pay for **textbooks**, but they do have to pay for school trips, school lunches, art supplies and stationary.

**Boarding school** students are only allowed to go home three times a year.

You have to **pass** an **entrance test** before you can enter the school.

Parents are supposed to attend the ceremony on the first day of school.

In **co-ed** schools, boys and girls can't speak to each other during school hours

## Grammar Practice- Modals

In France, children \_\_\_\_\_ attend class on Saturdays but they \_\_\_\_\_ go home early on Wednesdays.

In the UK, you \_\_\_\_\_ **retake** your end of year **exams** during the summer holiday if you **fail** them in June

You \_\_\_\_\_ to wear short skirts, hooded tops, very baggy trousers, ripped jeans or anything pink in some schools in the USA. Pink is banned because it is thought to be a gang colour.

In the UK, you might \_\_\_\_\_ do **detention** after school if you arrive late

In the UK, you \_\_\_\_\_ drop all **foreign language** courses when you are 16

In some schools in the USA, you \_\_\_\_\_ any physical contact with other students, including shaking hands. This is to stop both fights and sexual behaviour at school.

In China, **secondary school** students \_\_\_\_\_ do military training

In some Free Schools such as Summerhill in the UK, students \_\_\_\_\_ decide their own **curriculum** and if they want to go to lessons or just do **self-study** in the library

**In France, pupils** \_\_\_\_\_ wear any religious items, e.g. a cross or headscarf.

In many developing countries in Africa and Asia, older children such as **6<sup>th</sup> formers** \_\_\_\_\_ help teach the younger kids

In Thailand, girls \_\_\_\_\_ wear coloured ribbons in their hair showing which **grade** and class they are in

In the UK, children \_\_\_\_\_ always call the teacher '**sir**' or '**miss**'

In Japan, parents \_\_\_\_\_ attend the ceremony on the first day of school.

*You are now going to pretend to be the head teacher of a school. The six rules you chose above are the rules of your school. Someone from another group will pretend to be a student who is thinking about coming to your school or a parent of a student who is thinking about coming to your school. Answer all their questions about your school, trying to make the school seem as good as possible. You can't lie about the bad rules in your school, but you can try to avoid answering. If they ask about anything that isn't covered by your school rules, you can say anything you like.*

*Now change roles and try to find out what is good and bad about your partner's school. Then get back together with your original partner and decide which school is better.*

*Now make good and bad rules for universities. Here is some vocabulary you might like to use:*

lecture

lecturer

tutor

professor

fees

scholarship

thesis

a distinction

the student union

a doctorate/ PhD

Freshers

alumni

roommate

(student) halls

sandwich course

an undergraduate (student)

a postgraduate (student)

finals

a gap year

lab

a summer job