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Grammar Self-Checks

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The passive voice with modals

Look at the statements using modals in the passive voice.

Can for present possibility or ability

Alternatives **can be found** for medical research on animals.

Might (not) and could for present or future possibility

New medicines **might be discovered** through animal testing.

Cattle **might not be mistreated** if people knew about the conditions.

A lot **could be done** to improve conditions.

Couldn't and can't for present impossibility

Research **couldn't be done** today without animals.

Sometimes testing on animals **can't be helped**.

Should and shouldn't for advisability

Corporate chicken farms **should be shut down**.

People **shouldn't be prohibited** from hunting.

Have to and must for necessity

Some animals **have to be killed**.

Traditions like bullfighting **must be preserved**.

NOTE: Must is rarely used in informal English.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Match the modals with the meaning they express.

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| ___ 1. can | a. it definitely needs to be done |
| ___ 2. might / could | b. it's not possible now |
| ___ 3. couldn't / can't | c. it's good/not good to do something |
| ___ 4. should / shouldn't | d. it's possible now |
| ___ 5. must / have to | e. it's possible now or in the future |

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BE CAREFUL! Don't have to / doesn't have to express a lack of necessity, but must not expresses prohibition.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Match the sentences with their meaning.

- ____ 1. Animals **must not be killed** for research. a. It is not necessary to kill animals for research.
- ____ 2. Animals **don't have to be killed** for research. b. Killing animals for research should be prohibited.

Look at the questions using the passive voice with modals.

<u>Yes / no</u> questions	Information questions
Should factory farms be shut down ?	How can animals be trained to help humans?
Must animals be used for research?	What could be done to improve conditions?

FIGURE IT OUT...

Make questions from the statements.

1. Make a yes / no question from "Animals have to be used for research."

2. Make an information question from "Their lives must be respected."
