

## Green initiatives modals of obligation, prohibition and permission ranking debate

Work together to write 16 statements about **green** (= environmentally friendly) **policies/ regulations/ rules to protect the planet from climate change, pollution, etc**, including four obligations, four prohibitions, and eight things which are okay but not obligations, using the modals below:

- You need to = have to
- You can't = mustn't = aren't allowed to
- You can = are allowed to
- You don't have to = don't need to = there is no need to = it isn't necessary to

### Possible topics:

- Air-conditioning/ Heating
- Architecture/ Buildings
- Businesses (= companies)
- **Carbon consumption** (= CO2 consumption)
- Climate change (= manmade global warming)
- Clothing
- **Consumption** (shopping, using things, etc)
- Education
- Electricity
- **Energy efficiency** (= using less electricity etc)
- Food (animal products, farming, **organic** food, etc)
- **Fossil fuels** (gasoline, natural gas and coal)
- Government
- Government funding (prizes, **subsidies**, etc)
- **Green spaces** (parks etc)/ Plants
- Individuals (= ordinary people)
- **Packaging** (wrapping, **plastic carrier bags**, etc)
- Paper use
- Pets
- Pollution
- Population
- Recycling
- **Renewable power** sources (solar power, wind power, dams, alternative fuels, etc)
- **Disposal of rubbish** (= trash = garbage) such as **disposable** goods
- Secondhand goods
- Sharing
- Taxes
- Transportation (importing food, etc)
- Travel (cars, air travel, public transport, business travel, **commuting**, etc)
- Water use (gardening, washing cars, swimming pools, etc)
- **Sewage** (such as dirty water from your toilet)

Use each of the verbs above with at least one of each of the ideas below to make at least four new sentences.

- 1 Pay a special tax for having a swimming pool at home, having a car which only uses petrol (= gasoline), buying bottled water, using disposable products (disposable razors, disposable pens, disposable chopsticks, plastic carrier bags, etc), buying imported food, having a pet, or having more than two children.
- 2 Pay more tax on petrol, cars, big cars, or new houses.
- 3 Ask if you want a plastic carrier bag or receipt in a shop
- 4 Be inspected by the government if you want to call your products “green”.
- 5 Carry all your rubbish home (because all public **bins** = trash cans) have been taken away.
- 6 Collect rainwater or used bathwater if you want to water your garden
- 7 Cover your roof with grass.
- 8 Get a large prize for **original/ unusual, effective, affordable/ good value for money, convenient, useful** and/ or **popular green initiatives**.
- 9 Get money from the government for making your home more energy efficient (adding solar panels, double-glazed windows, insulation to stop heat going through walls, etc)
- 10 Get money from the government for buying an electric car.
- 11 Give all new office buildings windows that can be opened
- 12 Install automatic lights that turn themselves off when nobody is in the room
- 13 Install solar panels on all new buildings
- 14 Install water-free urinals (= men’s toilets) in office buildings and shopping centres
- 15 Keep all air conditioning above 28 degrees in the summer.
- 16 Learn about environmental issues at school.
- 17 Park for free at stations.
- 18 Pay a **fine** for dropping rubbish on the street.
- 19 Pay a lot of money to be able to drive and/ or park in the city centre.
- 20 Pay to have large rubbish taken away.
- 21 Provide a public green space when you build a new (office or apartment) building.
- 22 Put used batteries in a special bin.
- 23 Recycle all uneaten food (to be eaten by animals, turned into fuel, etc)
- 24 Send your electronics back to their manufacturers to be recycled.
- 25 Set a target for your and/ or your company’s reduction in carbon emissions.
- 26 Share cars to be able to use one of the lanes on the motorway (= expressway).
- 27 Stop using toilet paper and wash yourself instead.
- 28 Stop watering your garden when the weather is really hot.
- 29 Take labels off bottles, jars, cans etc before you recycle them.
- 30 Take part in a **carpool** (= sharing cars with your colleagues to commute to work)
- 31 Take your cans etc to a recycling area.
- 32 Throw toilet paper in the bin instead of down the toilet.
- 33 Travel for free on public transport.
- 34 Turn all heating down to 18 degrees in winter.
- 35 Use low energy **light bulbs**.
- 36 Use organic food in schools.
- 37 Wear a sweater in the office in the winter.
- 38 Wear Hawaiian shirts/ shorts/ flip flops at work in the summer.

*Check you understand all the vocabulary in this lesson, especially the words in bold.*