The rules of this class- Modals of obligation, prohibition and permission

Fill the gaps below with modals verbs like to these to make the real rules in this class:

Suggested modal verbs
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

1. ___________________________ attend every lesson.
2. ___________________________ miss the class because of club activities.
3. ___________________________ use a dictionary, but you have to ask the teacher first.
4. ___________________________ be sitting down at your desk when the bell rings.
5. ___________________________ provide proof if you say you are late because of a train.
6. ___________________________ be even one minute late.
7. ___________________________ do all the homework.
8. ___________________________ do the homework of the last class even when you miss a class.
9. ___________________________ check with the teacher if you might not understand the homework.
10. ___________________________ say you didn’t do the homework just because you didn’t understand or remember.
11. ___________________________ ask the teacher to explain again and again until you completely understand.
12. ___________________________ touch or look at your mobile phone during the class.
13. ___________________________ look at your mobile phone to check the time.
14. ___________________________ keep your mobile phone where you can see it (on the desk etc).
15. ___________________________ chat with anyone in Japanese if you arrive late.
16. ___________________________ come early and do your homework before the class.
17. ___________________________ ask the teacher for advice about improving your English outside class.
18. ___________________________ bring your textbook to every class.
19. ___________________________ worry about making mistakes when you are speaking.
20. ___________________________ be 45 minutes late because of a train which was five minutes late.
21. ___________________________ remember language that we studied during previous lessons.
22. ___________________________ have high level English to pass the course, you just have to improve.
23. ___________________________ work hard to pass – you can’t pass just because your English is good.
24. ___________________________ bring your notes and worksheets from past classes.
25. ___________________________ revise (= review) between classes.
26. ___________________________ ask for copies of the materials from classes that you missed.
27. ___________________________ use the internet or books to help you with your homework.
28. ___________________________ ask the teacher to check any extra work that you do.
29. ___________________________ ask your teacher to help with using English outside class, e.g. checking an email before you send it.
30. ___________________________ finish all homework before the class starts.
31. ___________________________ copy your homework from someone else.
32. ___________________________ speak the same amount as your partner.
33. ___________________________ bring a pen or pencil and notebook or blank paper to class.
34. ___________________________ try to finish speaking activities as quickly as possible.
35. ___________________________ put your book away or pack your bag before the teacher ends the lesson.
36. ___________________________ sketch on worksheets or in your notebook.
37. ___________________________ ask the teacher to change the classes to match your needs or interests.

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Suggested answers Note that: don’t have to = don’t need to, can’t = mustn’t = aren’t allowed to, can = are allowed to, need to = have to
1 You have to attend every lesson.
2 You can’t miss the class because of club activities.
3 You use a dictionary, but you have to ask the teacher first.
4 You have to be sitting down at your desk when the bell rings.
5 You have to provide proof if you say you are late because of a train.
6 You mustn’t be even one minute late.
7 You have to do all the homework.
8 You have to do the homework of the last class even when you miss a class.
9 You have to check with the teacher if you might not understand the homework.
10 You can’t say you didn’t do the homework just because you didn’t understand or remember.
11 You can ask the teacher to explain again and again until you completely understand.
12 You mustn’t touch or look at your mobile phone during the class.
13 You can’t look at your mobile phone to check the time.
14 You mustn’t keep your mobile phone where you can see it (on the desk etc).
15 You can’t chat with anyone in Japanese if you arrive late.
16 You can come early and do your homework before the class.
17 You can ask the teacher for advice about improving your English outside class.
18 You have to bring your textbook to every class.
19 You don’t have to worry about making mistakes when you are speaking.
20 You aren’t allowed to be 45 minutes late because of a train which was five minutes late.
21 You need to remember language that we studied during previous lessons.
22 You don’t have to have high level English to pass the course, you just have to improve.
23 You have to work hard to pass – you can’t pass just because your English is good.
24 You need to bring your notes and worksheets from past classes.
25 You need to revise (= review) between classes.
26 You can ask for copies of the materials from classes that you missed.
27 You can use the internet or books to help you with your homework.
28 You can ask the teacher to check any extra work that you do.
29 You can ask your teacher to help with using English outside class.
30 You have to finish all homework before the class starts.
31 You can’t copy your homework from someone else.
32 You have to speak the same amount as your partner.
33 You have to bring a pen or pencil and notebook or blank paper to class.
34 You mustn’t try to finish speaking activities as quickly as possible.
35 You can’t put your book away or pack your bag before the teacher ends the lesson.
36 You can’t sketch on worksheets or in your notebook.
37 You can ask the teacher to change the classes to match your needs or interests.

Any breaking of the rules above will be written down and will be remembered when your final pass or fail and final mark are decided. Anyone breaking any rules above more than once will be made to leave the class and will be marked as absent. Anyone doing anything else again when the teacher has said to stop doing it will be made to leave the class and be marked absent for that lesson. Anyone doing the same thing in multiple classes will be asked to leave the class and marked absent.