

### Practice with Modals

**Directions:** Write a short informal email responding to your friend Bobby, helping him understand his mistakes and giving him some advice. In the email, there should be **4 sentences using modals of necessity from unit 4** and **4 sentences using modals of certainty from unit 5**. **NOTE:** This should sound like an informal email to your friend, not a formal email. Do NOT just write a bulleted list of sentences. Please underline the six sentences that you want us to mark.

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From: Bobby Notsosmart <catlover112@yahoo.ca>  
Subject: Need your advice  
Date: August 12, 2009  
To: wiseguy@gmail.com  
Attached: puddercat.jpg

Hi Buddy!

As you might remember, last fall I got a cat from my friend, Mary, who already had 15 cats (you know how fast cats seem to multiply). I took one home and named her Pudder Cat. (I attached her picture. Isn't she cute!) Since I got her, some problems have developed.

As we all know, cats need freedom, so I always left my window open so Pudder Cat could visit the neighbourhood cats. She especially likes Tom-the-Cat, who lives next door. It's so fun to watch them wrestle. Since then, she has had babies . . . twice! Now I have 5 more kitties in my apartment, three of which are female. I'm not sure if the apartment manager accepts cats. I have never seen or heard any in the building. Unfortunately, I lost my apartment lease a long time ago, so I don't know.

To make sure that my cats don't meow too much, I feed them all the time, which seems to make them content. I have found that dog food is cheaper than cat food, so that is what I feed them. Food is food, right? I am not sure what the problem is but they have all gained a bit of weight and their hair isn't shiny anymore. But my grandma always said that a fat cat is a happy cat, so I guess my cats are really happy. Grandma also said it's important to keep cats clean, so I give them all a bath every day. It takes me about 2 hours. Sometimes I don't even have time to do my homework. I buy the best shampoo available on the Internet. I think it's made in France. To pay for it, I needed to get a part-time job at McDonald's.



As most people, I hate cleaning the litter box, so I usually empty it once a week. What a nasty job! It's amazing how much "stuff" 6 cats produce. Sometimes when the litterbox is being used by one cat, the other cats find a different place to "do their business," like the apartment floor. Two weeks ago, I noticed something funny. The carpet behind the couch (which I don't check very often for kitty waste) has changed colour. A week later, I tried cleaning it, but the strange colour is still there. I have also noticed that there are more flies than usual. Strange, don't you think? Maybe it's caused by our strange weather.

I have determined that I really can't handle so many kitties, but I don't know how to find homes for them. Someone told me I should just take them to the countryside, but somehow I think that's not a good idea. I want to keep Pudder Cat, but I definitely don't want any more babies.

You are one of my smartest friends (you always got top marks in biology). I really hope you can give me some advice and help me understand some of my mistakes.

See you,  
Bobby Notsosmart