

Right or Wrong - Modals

Look at the following sentences. Decide if the modal is correct for the situation. If you think it should be a different modal then correct it.

Example: "Hey Miguel, would I help myself to more beer?"
= wrong. 'would' is for more formal situations. This suggests a very informal relationship. The right answer is, "Hey Miguel, can I help myself to more beer."

1. You mustn't smoke here. Haven't you seen the sign?
2. I don't have to work on Sundays. It's my day off.
3. You must wear a seatbelt when you drive a car.
4. Her diamond ring from Tiffany's is enormous! It might have cost a fortune.
5. Frank should have eaten low-fat food. That should have prevented his heart attack.
6. Children should go to school. It's the law.
7. When you go to London you must visit all the museums. They are great.
8. I could swim. I go regularly.
9. You shouldn't drink alcohol and drive a car.
10. Can I have a cup of coffee Don Mauricio?
11. When you have a young child at home, you may leave small objects lying around.
12. Seline could speak French fluently when she was a child as she lived in France.
13. Where is the knife? It may be in this drawer, but I've looked and it's not there.
14. Nancy said you didn't need to buy her anything for her birthday, but I really think you should get her some flowers.
15. I would love to go on a cruise to Tahiti, but such a luxurious, first-class trip must cost a fortune.
16. If I won the \$10m lottery jackpot, I could afford to quit my job and travel the world.
17. Is there anything you would recommend to eat here? Is there anything you think I should try?
18. I'm not really sure where Paulina is. She must be in the living room, or perhaps in the garden.
19. The package will be here tomorrow. It was sent by guaranteed express mail.
20. You might get the tickets for the play in advance - they sell out quickly.
21. Shall we begin dinner? I'm really hungry.
22. You must stop at a red traffic light when you are driving.
23. You should see a doctor if you feel so sick and have a high temperature.
24. Max's flight was seriously delayed. He was travelling for over 36 hours, with 6 stopovers and 3 changes of airline. He must be exhausted.