MAP YOUR GRAMMAR

Complete the maps with your own example sentences.

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        Present   ←   MODALS VERBS   →   Past
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obligation / necessity

- ***must*** = absolute external law or regulation:
  You must wear a seatbelt in the car.
  1 .... ?

- ***have to*** = a regulation or necessity to reach a goal or do something:
  Do you have to wear a uniform to school?
  2 ....

- ***need to*** = something which is necessary:
  The bus is at 3 so I need to leave at 2.30.
  3 .... ?

absence of obligation / necessity

- ***don't / doesn't have to***:
  You don't have to wash the dishes, I'll do them.
  4 ....

- ***don't / doesn't need to***:
  He doesn't need to go on a diet — he's perfectly healthy!
  5 ....

- ***needn't***:
  You needn't worry, I won't be late.
  6 ....

prohibition

- ***mustn't*** = something is forbidden:
  7 ....

- ***can't*** = something is not permitted:
  You can't go out tonight, you have too much homework.
  8 ....

advice

- ***should / shouldn't*** = giving advice:
  You shouldn't eat so much junk food.
  9 ....

- ***ought to*** = giving advice, often moralistic:
  She really ought to think before she speaks.
  10 ....

- ***could*** = suggesting possibilities:
  We could have a party on Saturday for your birthday.
  11 ....

obligation / necessity

- ***had to*** = a regulation or an obligation:
  We had to sign our names to enter the building.
  12 .... ?

- ***needed to*** = something which was necessary:
  Did they need to get up early for their flight?
  13 ....

absence of obligation / necessity

- ***didn't have to / didn't need to*** = something which wasn't necessary:
  Thanks for the present! You didn't need to buy me one!
  14 ....

- ***needn't have*** + **Past participle** = something which we did, but then discovered it was not necessary:
  You needn't have brought your umbrella — it's not raining anymore.
  15 .... ?

advice

- ***should / shouldn't have*** + **Past participle**:
  You shouldn't have eaten those eggs. They were old!
  16 ....

- ***ought to have*** + **Past participle**:
  You ought to have called immediately and apologised. It's a bit late now.
  17 ....

permission

- ***could / couldn't*** and ***be (not) allowed to*** = general permission in the past:
  We could have a snack before bedtime as children.
  18 ....

- ***be (not) allowed to*** = specific permission on one occasion:
  Were you allowed to go the party last night?
  19 ....

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