

## A busy man (Grammar)

- Description:** Students ask each other questions to fill in the missing information in a text.
- Use with or after:** *English Network 2 (New Edition)*, Unit 4, Step 2.
- Skill:** Grammar
- Focus:** Future of *can* and *must*
- Time:** 15 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out all three pages of this file.
  - Make enough copies of the second and third pages so that each student can have one of the worksheets, but not both.
- Procedure:**
- Divide the class into two groups, A and B, and give each person the appropriate worksheet.
  - Members of the same group work together in pairs and decide exactly which questions they will have to ask in order to get the missing information. They should all write the complete questions in the numbered spaces at the top of their worksheets.
  - As you monitor this phase, go to group B first, since they might have trouble formulating the negative questions for lines 2, 4 and 8.

A's questions are: 1 *What will Mr Bentworth have to do on Monday?* 3 *What will he be able to do on the plane?* 5 *What will he be able to do in London?* 7 *What will he have to do on Friday evening?* 9 *What won't he have to do on Saturday?*

B's questions are: 2 *What won't he be able to do in Glasgow?* 4 *What won't he have to do on Wednesday?* 6 *What will he have to do on Friday afternoon?* 8 *What won't he be able to do on Friday evening?* 10 *What will he be able to do on Saturday?*

- Then each person finds a new partner from the other side. They take turns asking each other questions to complete the sentences.
- Insist that they write the missing information in the blanks, and that they do not look at the other person's worksheet.

In case your students need more practice with the future of *can* and *must*, there is a (purposely) similar activity for the next step (Unit 4, Step 3) which includes these forms among others.

### Group A

First work with another member of your own group, and write the questions that you will need to fill in the gaps in the text:

(1) ..... ?

(3) ..... ?

(5) ..... ?

(7) ..... ?

(9) ..... ?

Show the questions to your teacher, then stand up and find a new partner from the other group. Please do not look at your new partner's text!

You ask the first question and your partner gives the answer. Write the answer in gap number 1 in the text. Your partner will ask the second question. Find the answer in your text and say it. Go on asking and answering until the text is complete.

We all work for Mr Bentworth, who is a very important and busy man.

Mr Bentworth will have to (1)..... on

Monday, so he won't be able to go to the business meeting in Glasgow. But he will be

able to (3)..... on the plane. He won't

have to be in Chicago on Wednesday, so he'll be able to

(5)..... in London. On Friday afternoon

he'll have to fly to Edinburgh and on Friday evening he'll have to

(7)....., so he won't be able to

take his wife to the opera. But he won't have to (9)..... on Saturday, so

he'll be able to take his young son to the football match.

## Group B

First work with another member of your own group, and write the questions that you will need to fill in the gaps in the text:

(2).....?

(4).....?

(6).....?

(8).....?

(10).....?

Show the questions to your teacher, then stand up and find a new partner from the other group. Please do not look at your new partner's text!

Your partner will ask the first question. Find the answer in your text and say it. Then you should ask the second question and your partner will give you the answer. Write the answer in gap number 2 in the text. Go on asking and answering until the text is complete.

We all work for Mr Bentworth, who is a very important and busy man.

Mr Bentworth will have to fly to Japan on Monday, so he won't be able to

(2)..... in Glasgow.

But he will be able to read all the financial newspapers on the plane. He won't have

to (4)..... on Wednesday, so he'll be able to

give an interview on television in London. On Friday afternoon he'll have to

(6)....., and on Friday evening he'll have to meet

with the bank president, so he won't be able to (8).....

..... But he won't have to work on Saturday, so

he'll be able to (10) .....