Can, May, and Must

Grade 4 Grammar Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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   necessity possibility ability permission

4. In “You must wear a seat belt in the car,” what does “must” show?

   possibility ability permission necessity

5. In “Our class might see deer on the nature walk,” what does “might” show?

   permission necessity possibility ability

6. In “You may pick a book from the shelf,” what does “may” show?

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