



**Lesson B2-19 | High Intermediate | CEFR B1**

**Passive Modals of Obligation**

Use the words in the Grammar Challenge to complete the gaps.

**Conversation 1**

**Man:** So, what needs to be done?  
**Woman:** Lots needs to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Man:** OK, such as?  
**Woman:** First, all the documents need to be \_\_\_\_\_. Then they need to be formatted.  
**Man:** OK, I can do that. Do these \_\_\_\_\_ translated?  
**Woman:** No, you can \_\_\_\_\_ that for me.  
**Man:** OK, great. I'll get right on it.

**Conversation 2**

**Woman:** Is your new house finished yet?  
**Man:** No, lots still needs to be done.  
**Woman:** Yeah, such as?  
**Man:** Well, the walls still need to be \_\_\_\_\_, and the wiring \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be done.  
**Woman:** Well, at least you're getting \_\_\_\_\_ to the end.  
**Man:** True, but \_\_\_\_\_ then, no rest.

**Conversation 3**

**Man:** What needs to be done for the party?  
**Woman:** Lots. Let's see. First, the tables need to be \_\_\_\_\_, and the chairs need to be \_\_\_\_\_ down from upstairs.  
**Man:** OK, I can do that.  
**Woman:** Great, but the chairs might be dusty. They may need to be \_\_\_\_\_ first.  
**Man:** OK, no problem. Do you have any towels?  
**Woman:** I do. But they're in the washer. They might need to be \_\_\_\_\_ first.  
**Man:** Actually, you know what, they might work better if they're damp.  
**Woman:** Good point. The washer is over there.

**Quiz**

- 1) The documents need to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) copied  
 b) formatted  
 c) read
- 2) The walls need to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) installed  
 b) replaced  
 c) painted
- 3) The towels will need to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) dried  
 b) wiped off  
 c) taken out of the washer

**Grammar Challenge**

Use the words below to complete each conversation.

Con #1	Con #2	Con #3
proofread	still	set
done	until	wiped off
leave	painted	dried
need to be	close	brought

**Speaking Challenge**

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) When will my package be shipped?
- 2) Why are we having a meeting today?
- 3) Do you have any clean cups?
- 4) Why does your neck hurt?
- 5) Is it a bad sign that my car creaks when it turns?

- ( \_ ) The employees need to be informed of the new policy.  
 ( \_ ) Not sure, you might need to wash one.  
 ( \_ ) You may need to have your car checked.  
 ( \_ ) The payment needs to be confirmed before shipping.  
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