

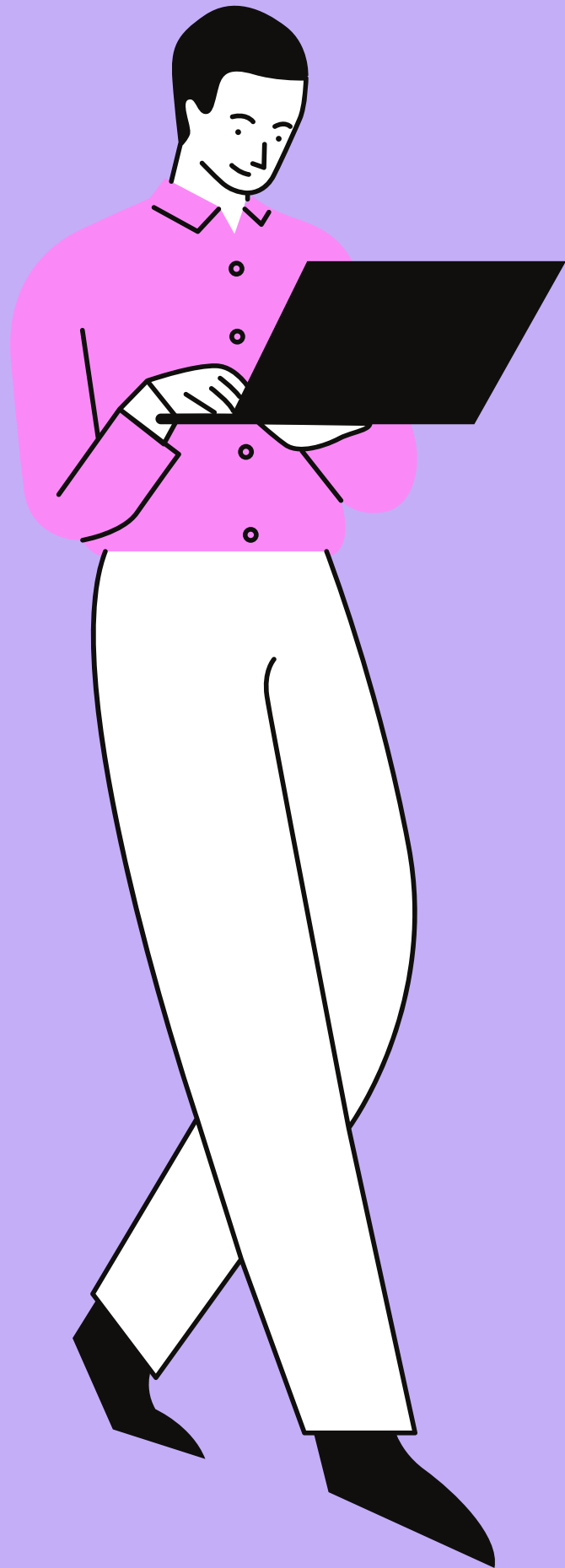
# UNDERSTANDING MODAL VERBS

English Grammar Presentation  
for EFL Students B1 level of English

# OBJECTIVES

Students will learn about types of modal verbs to express necessity, permission, ability and more.





# CAN

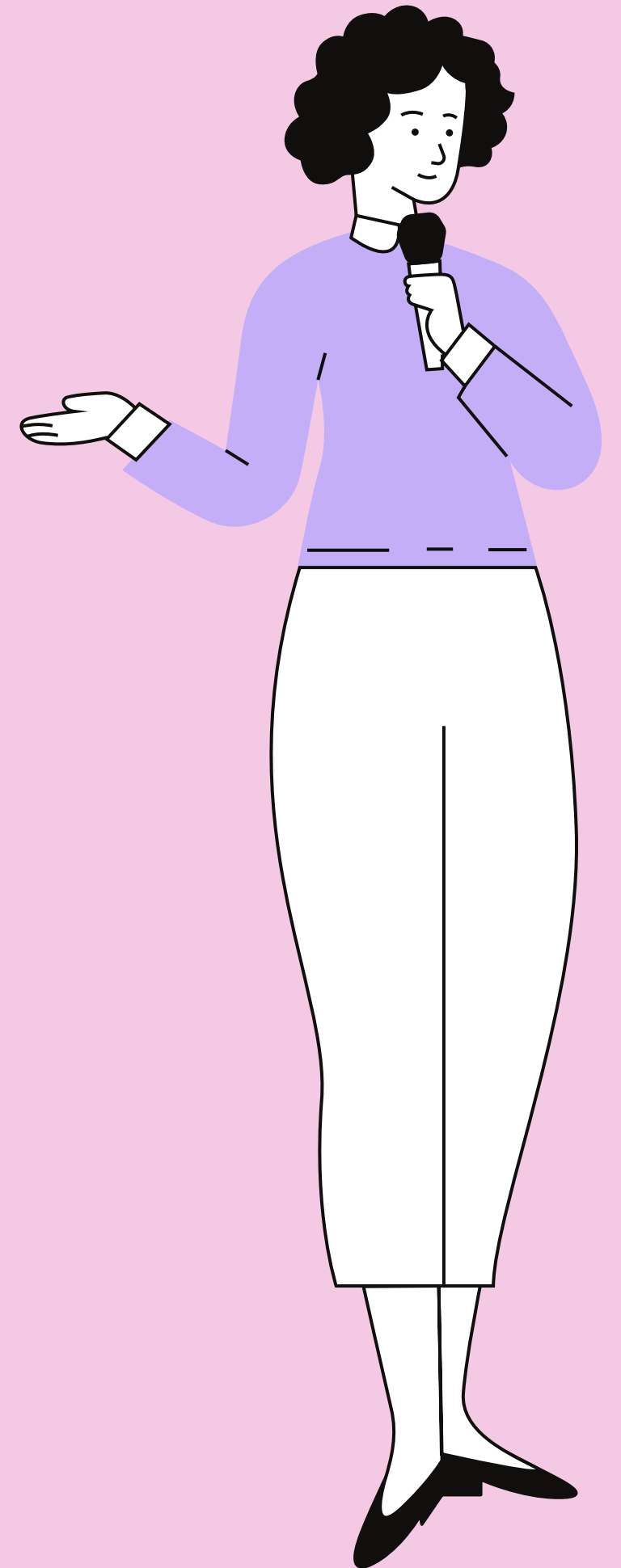
general ability in the present

**I can speak three languages.**

# BE ABLE TO

general ability in the present or future

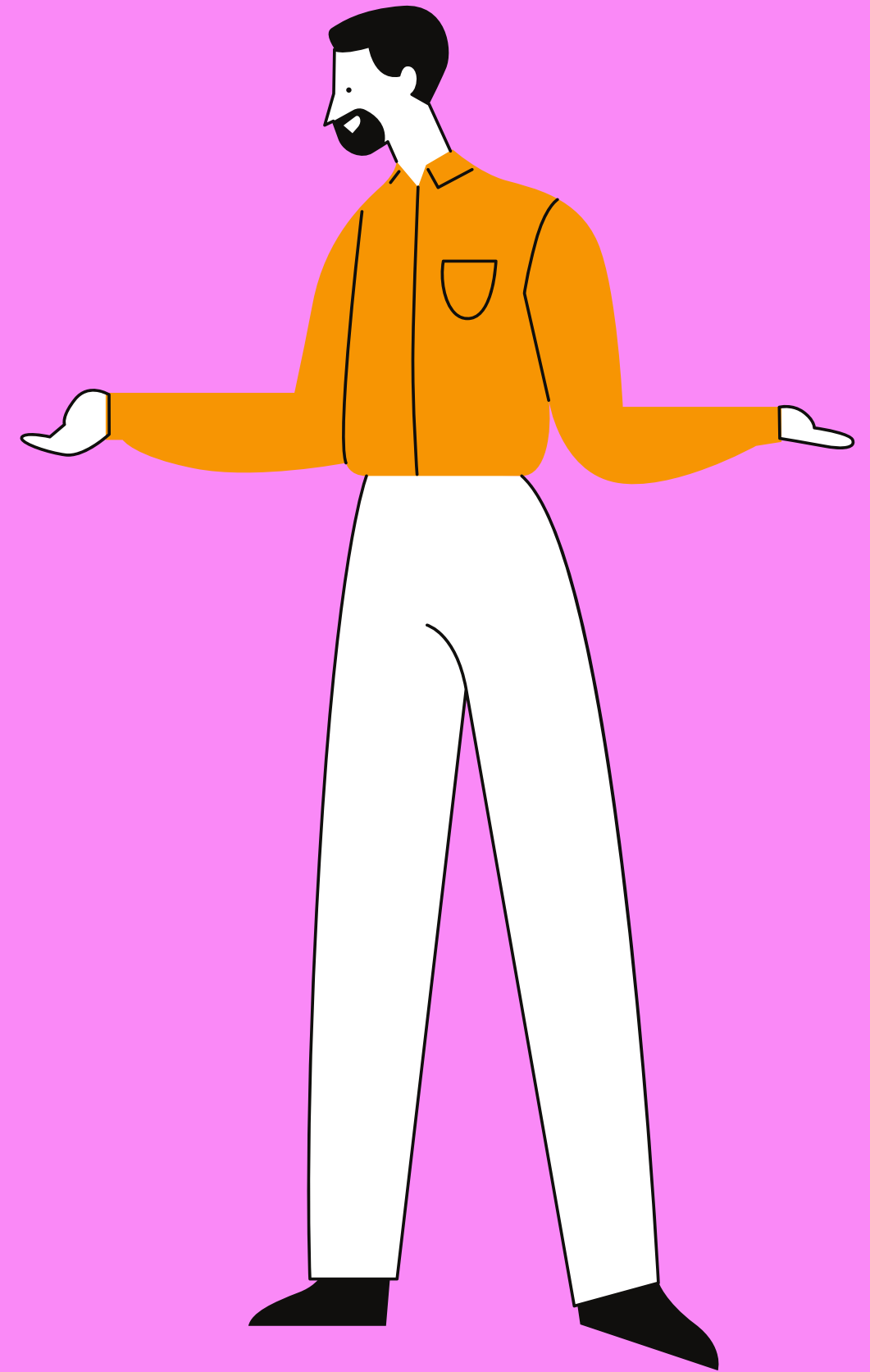
**I will be able to speak five languages next year.**



# COULD

general ability in the past

**I could read when I was five.**



# WAS / WERE ABLE TO

ability to do something on a specific occasion in the past

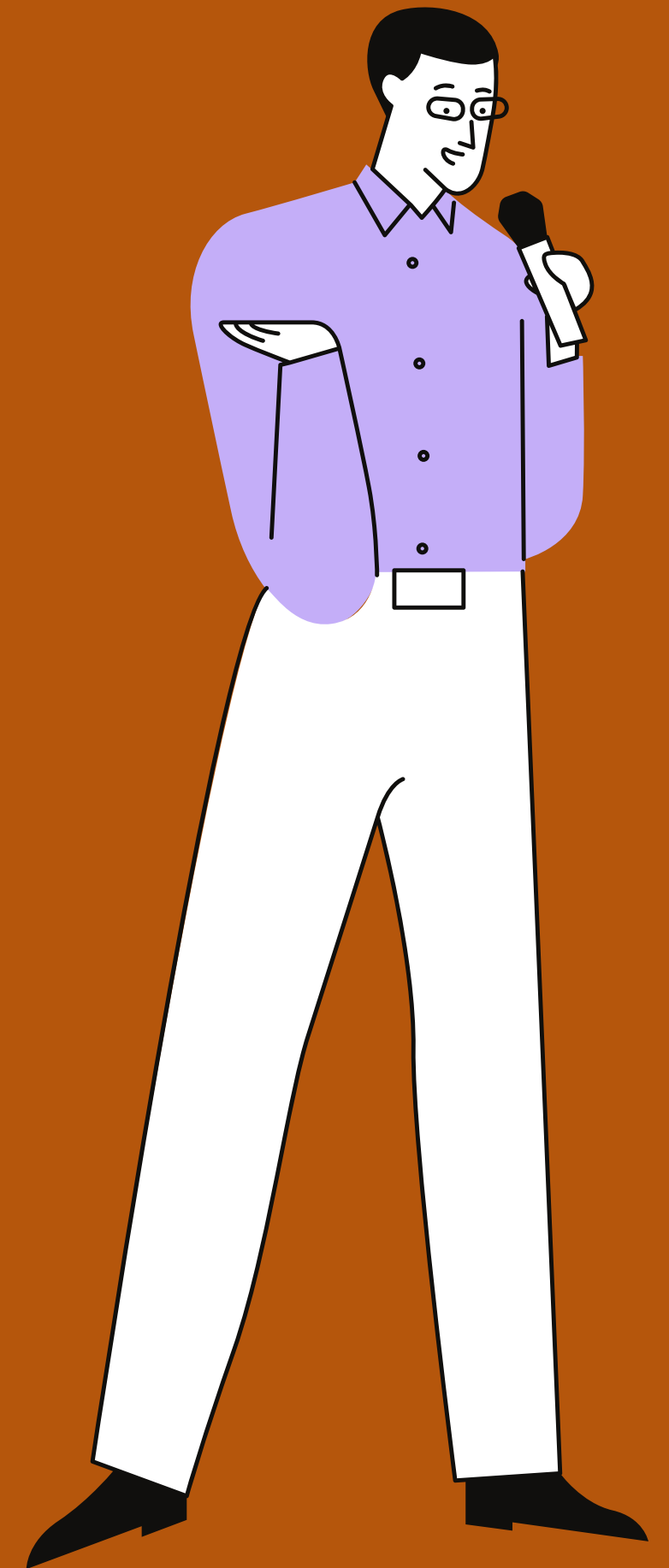
**I wasn't able to open the door because I lost my key.**

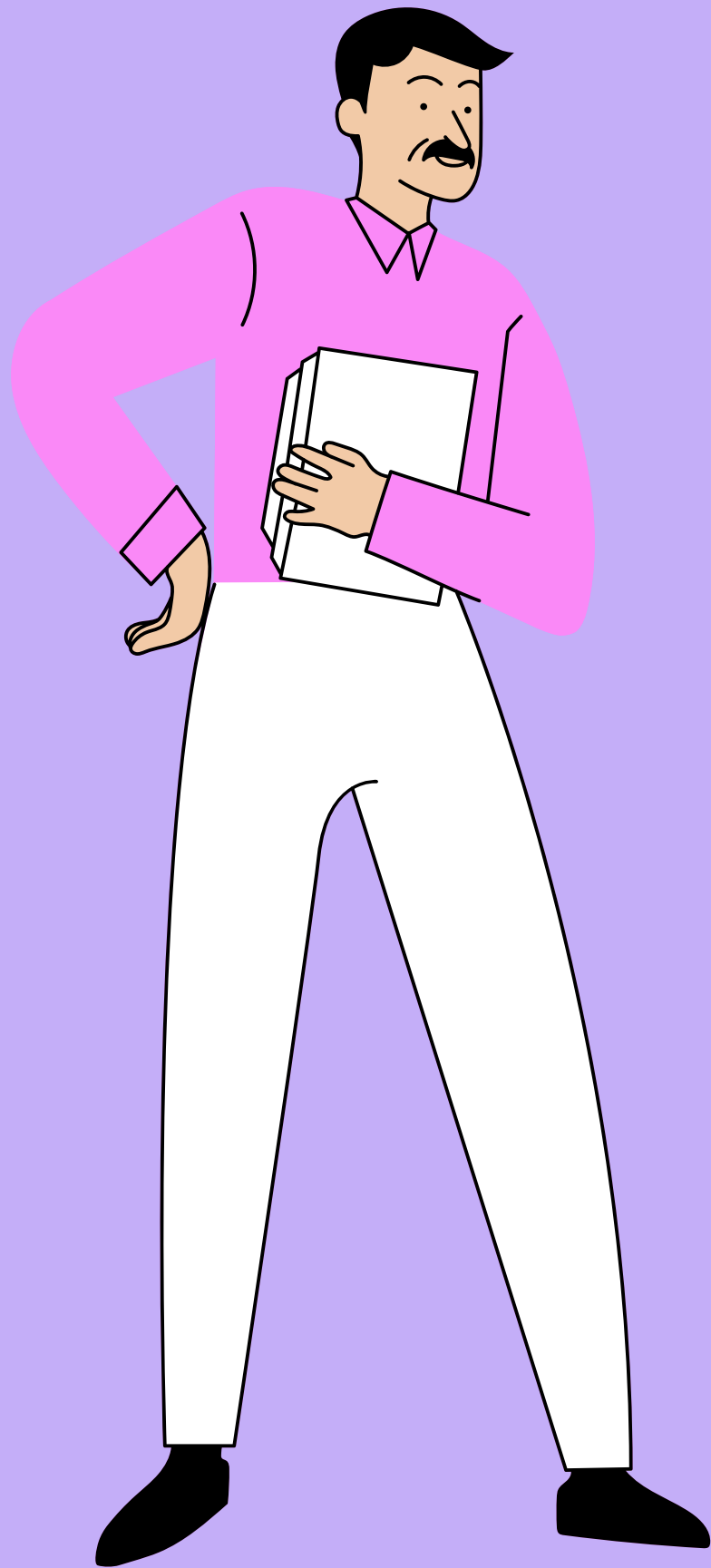


# SHOULD OUGHT TO HAD BETTER

giving advice

You should/ought to/had better study more.





# SHOULD OUGHT TO HAD BETTER

saying what is the right thing to do

**You should help your grandparents more.**





# NEED TO HAVE TO

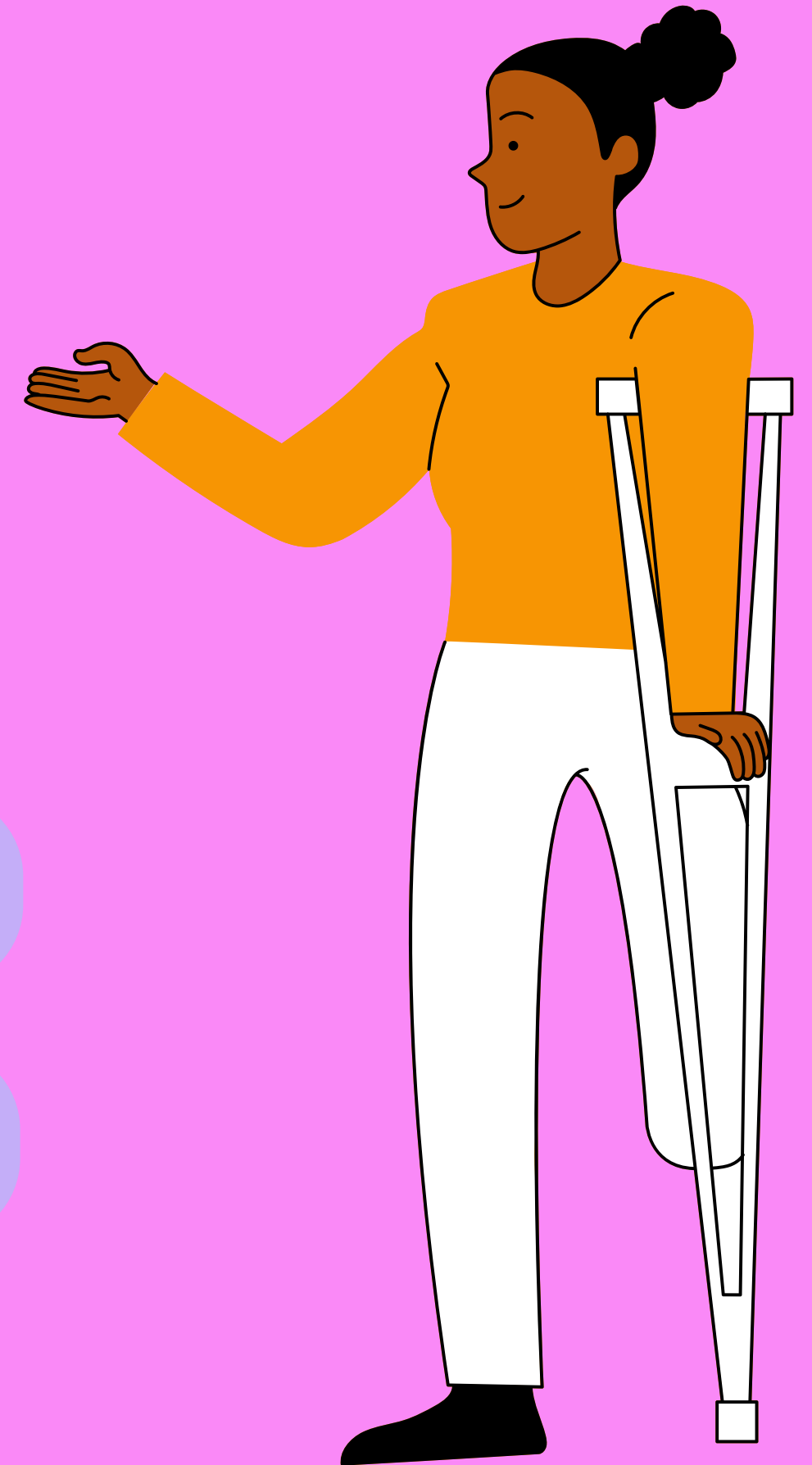
expressing necessity

**You have to talk to the principal about that.**

# NEED TO HAVE TO

expressing lack of necessity

**I don't need to get up early tomorrow because it's Sunday.**





# MUST

obligation

**You must attend the training tomorrow.**

# MUST



strong recommendation

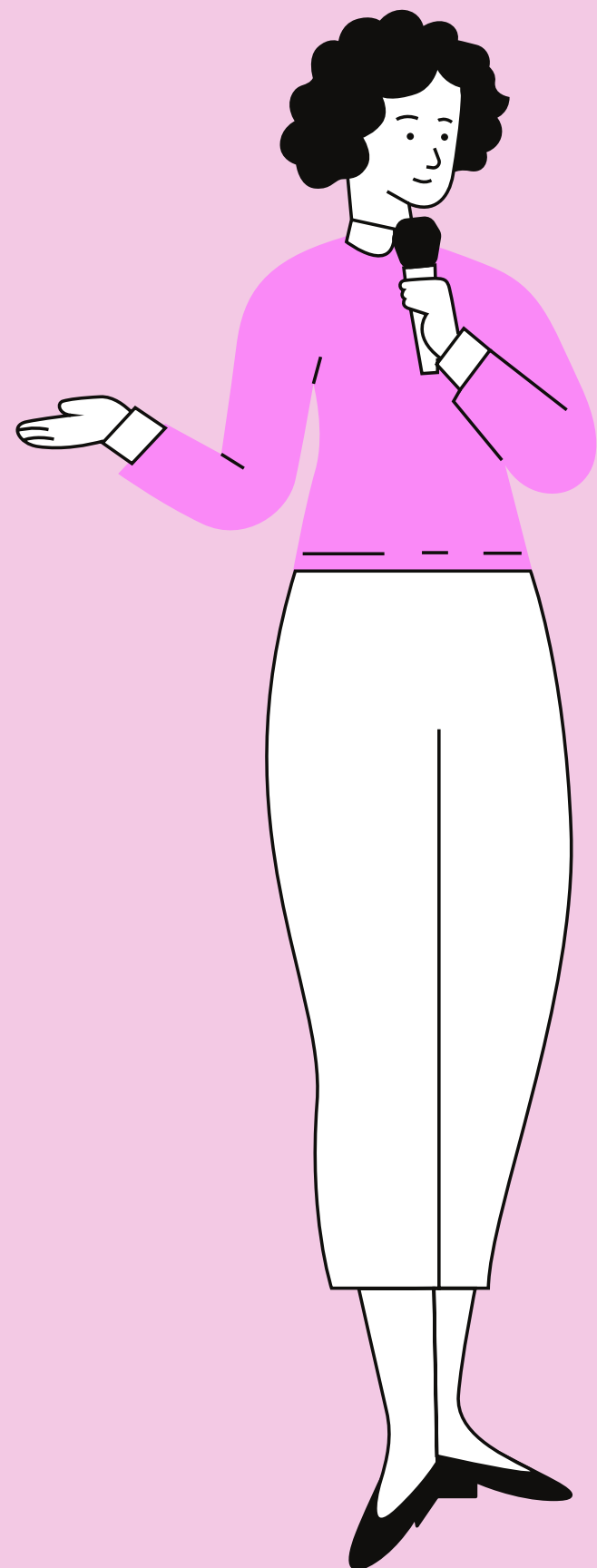
**You must go to that new restaurant, the food is brilliant!**



# MUSTN'T

prohibition

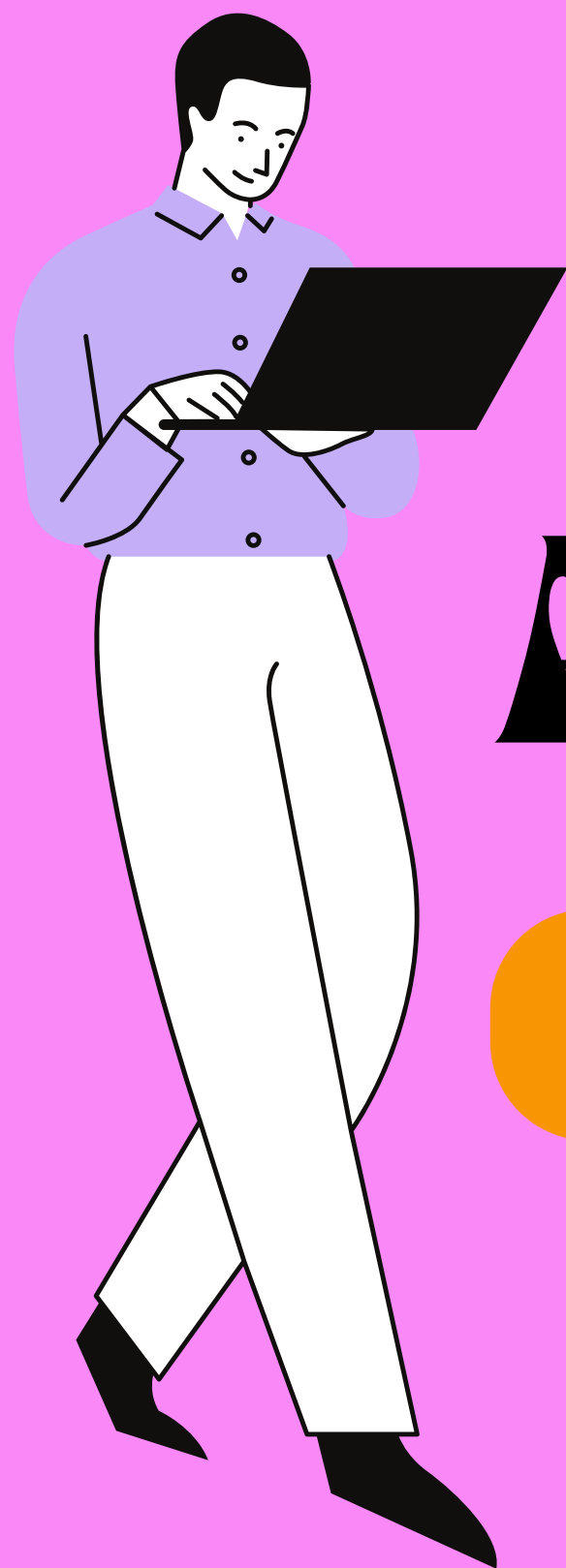
**You mustn't smoke.**



# MUSTN'T VS. DON'T HAVE TO

You mustn't eat anything before the blood test. (it's not allowed)

You don't have to sit the exam. It's optional.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND PARTICIPATION

Do you have any follow-up questions?