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3) Summarising the text

This article from *The Guardian* shows a **dysfunctional** healthcare system in the US through the perspective of several personal experiences. The system is presented as **flawed**: people are **denied** healthcare, have to wait several months to receive **approval**, or are forced to pay very expensive **out-of-pocket costs**. Many Americans have noticed that the situation is becoming worse and worse. For them, this is due to **a for-profit system** that prioritises profit over health. Indeed, insurance companies are **run by** private corporations that seem **driven solely** by profit. As a result, many Americans feel **exhausted** or avoid healthcare altogether. Very few of them - the rich and healthy - admit that they benefit from such a system compared to healthcare systems in other countries, which operate on the basis of **mandatory** contributions and redistribution.

GRAMMAR

- a) People **cannot** access healthcare because of high costs.
 - b) Many patients **must** wait for approval from their insurance. It **can** take several months, and you **may** be denied.
 - c) It **would** not be like that if insurance companies were regulated.
 - d) **Will** it ever improve?
 - e) This system **must** be very frustrating for Americans.
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- i- What do the words in bold characters have in common?
 - ii- How are they used in an affirmative, negative and interrogative sentence?
What do you notice about word order and auxiliary use?
 - iii- What difference can you see between “must” in sentence b and in sentence e?