

UNIT 5 Grammar practice

Ability & requests

- 1 Complete the questions with the correct forms of **can**, **can't** and **be able to** and the verbs in bold.

Can you play the piano? (you / play)

- Arabic? (he / speak)
- well when you were a child? (you / swim)
- The music that you're playing is a bit loud – it down, please? (you / turn)
- I'm quite cold – the window, please? (you / shut)
- They're starving – a sandwich, please? (they / have)

Obligation, prohibition & advice

- 2 Choose the correct options.

Understanding cultural etiquette

How **should** / **may** you behave when you're in China?

- You (1) **should** / **might** greet people formally, starting with the eldest person first.
- You (2) **can** / **mustn't** look people directly in the eyes because this is thought to be disrespectful.
- If you're invited to somebody's house, you (3) **shouldn't** / **couldn't** arrive late and you (4) **should have** / **ought to** take a small present for your host.
- When eating, you (5) **could** / **should** try everything that you're offered, but you (6) **don't have to** / **must be** finish all the food in your bowl.

Possibility & certainty

- 3 Order the words to form sentences.

working / tomorrow / I / might / night. / be / late

I might be working late tomorrow night.

- nervous / his / must / interview. / be / He / very / about
- offended / Kim / we / take / present. / be / may / don't / if / a
- be / She / happy / can't / looking / job. / if / for / another / she's
- might / if / bored / People / you're / think / you / early. / leave

Modal perfects

- 4 Choose A, B or C to complete the sentences.

I'll call him because he **B** got our message about tonight.

- A could have B may not have
C shouldn't have

1 Carlo didn't say much – he been feeling shy.

- A shouldn't have B needn't have
C must have

2 You told me you were going to the cinema – you know I love Robert Pattinson.

- A can't have B shouldn't have
C could have

3 I shook hands instead of bowing in Japan – I read about etiquette before I went.

- A should have B shouldn't have
C needn't have

4 They're going to Brazil on holiday – in fact they left already.

- A may have B couldn't have
C shouldn't have

5 He passed his driving test. He looked really sad.

- A might have B can't have C must have

6 He didn't answer me, so he heard what I said.

- A might have B should have
C may not have

- 5 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

can't have had could have stolen
couldn't have won might have stayed
should have gone shouldn't have eaten
~~shouldn't have stayed~~

I'm very tired – I **shouldn't have stayed** up late last night.

- We on holiday when the weather was nice.
- I that seafood because it didn't taste good.
- They at home today. I'm not sure.
- Katie didn't smile at the party last night. She a good time.
- I can't find my mobile phone. I suppose someone it.
- He didn't practise at all this month, so he the match.