

15.1

Underline the correct or more natural answer. If both answers are possible, underline them both.

- 1 Valuables *can/are able to* be left in the hotel safe. Please ask at the reception desk.
- 2 We *could/were able to* finish the football match before it started snowing too heavily.
- 3 The rebels *could/were able to* draw on the support of over 20,000 soldiers.
- 4 *Could you/Were you able to* understand Professor Larsen's lecture? I found it really difficult.
- 5 'Do you want a game?' 'Sorry, I *can 't/'m not able to* play chess.'
- 6 Look at me, I *can/'m able to* ride my bike without any help.
- 7 When the fire officers arrived they *could/were able to* put out the flames in a couple of minutes.
- 8 The air was so polluted in the city centre, I *could hardly/was hardly able to* breathe.
- 9 I knew John had been smoking. I *could/was able to* smell the cigarettes when I came into the room.
- 10 *Can you/Are you able to* drive without your glasses?
- 11 No changes *can/are able to be* made to this rail ticket after purchase.
- 12 He *could/was able to* untie the ropes without the guards noticing.
- 13 She looked all over the house, but *couldn't/wasn't able to* find her keys anywhere.
- 14 I was very busy at work, but I *could/was able to* have a couple of days off last week.

15.2b

Complete this text with *can, could and be allowed to*. Use negative forms where necessary.

It is often said that sports coaches (1) _____ be strict, but athlete Peter Black's was incredibly hard on him in the year before the Olympic Games. For instance, Peter (2) _____ stay up later than 9.00, although on his birthday he (3) _____ watch television until 10.00 as it was a special occasion! Of course, all Peter (4) _____ think of was going out with his friends in the evening, and he (5) _____ hardly wait for the Games to finish and get back to a normal life. When he complained, his coach just said, 'Trust me and you'll win gold – you (6) _____ lose!' And his coach was right. He won a gold medal in the 400 metres in a world record time. And on the night of his victory Peter (7) _____ celebrate – by staying up until 11 o'clock! 'But no later,' said his coach. 'The World Championships are only two years away.'

16.1

If possible, complete these sentences with *will* (or *won't*) or *would* (or *wouldn't*) followed by one of these verbs. If it is not possible to use *will* or *would*, use a verb in the past simple.

come decide eat help invite keep remember

- 1 Amy works really hard. Every afternoon she _____ home from school at 4.15 and do an hour of piano practice.
- 2 Richard phoned yesterday and _____ out for dinner.
- 3 When Dominic was young he _____ any green vegetables.
- 4 The creaking noises in the old house _____ me awake until I became accustomed to them.
- 5 I'm sure that many people _____ seeing Sarah Thomas on television in the 1980s.
- 6 Whenever I had a problem with my maths homework, Sam _____ me.
- 7 After standing on the bathroom scales, I _____ that I needed to lose some weight.

16.2

If necessary, correct these sentences using *would* or *used to*. If neither *would* nor *used to* is correct, use a past simple verb form.

- 1 I would enjoy studying Latin when I was at school.
- 2 Orwell would spend winters in Spain and summers in England.
- 3 We would live in a bungalow on the south coast, and then we moved to a flat in London.
- 4 You used to teach at Halston university, didn't you?
- 5 On Saturdays and Sundays the ferry used to take tourists across to the island.
- 6 The committee would meet four times last week, but still no decision has been reached.

16.3

Complete these sentences with *will have* or *would have* and the past participle of one of these verbs.

buy hear hurt notice prefer say record

- 1 'I wanted to watch The Simpsons last night, but I missed it.' 'I'm certain Derek _____

- _____ it. We can go over to his place to see it.’
- 2 Don’t accept lifts from strangers – as my mother _____.
 - 3 don’t think the dog _____ anyone, but I was still glad when the owner took it away.
 - 4 I’m sure by now you _____ about yesterday’s robbery at the supermarket.
 - 5 My parents weren’t very affectionate towards me. I always thought they _____ a daughter.
 - 6 Sampras’s rivals _____ the difficulties he had with his shoulder in the tournament last week.
 - 7 ‘Did you like the present Joan gave you for your birthday?’ ‘Well, an umbrella stand isn’t something I _____ myself, but I suppose it might be useful.’

Unit 17, Exercises, page 35

17.1

Complete the sentences with either *may* or *might*, whichever is more likely. If neither is possible, suggest an alternative completion.

- 1 We _____ go to Majorca for our holiday this summer.
- 2 The planet Venus _____ be seen clearly in the night sky during this month.
- 3 _____ you see Becky this weekend?
- 4 I feel really sore after playing tennis. I think I _____ have a bath.
- 5 ‘Someone’s left their coat.’ ‘ _____ it be Ken’s?’
- 6 Exceeding the stated dose _____ cause drowsiness.

17.2

Complete the sentences with *may* or *might* followed by one of the following forms of the verb in brackets: *be* + *past participle*, *have* + *past participle*, *be* + *-ing*, *have been* + *-ing*. If both *may* and *might* are possible, indicate this.

- 1 There’s a man lying down on the pavement over there. Do you think he _____ himself? (*hurt*)
- 2 I _____ you this before. I can’t remember. (*tell*)
- 3 Is that John’s car that just stopped? He _____ for us. (*wait*)
- 4 In the early 19th century a person _____ to Australia for stealing as little as a loaf of bread. (*send*)

- 5 'Ann looks exhausted.' 'I suppose she _____.' (*run*)
- 6 I've heard that the newsagent's is losing a lot of money and it _____ down. (*close*)
- 7 Real Madrid started well and _____ an early lead when Figo hit the post, but Barcelona scored first after 20 minutes. (*take*)
- 8 As little as 50 years ago a worker still _____ for being ill. (*dismiss*)
- 9 'When will the painting be ready?' 'Well, I _____ it by this evening.' (*finish*)
- 10 The race had to be stopped because the oil on the track _____ an accident. (*cause*)

Unit 18, Exercises, page 37

18.1

Complete the sentences with one of these forms: *must have + past participle; must + bare infinitive; must be + -ing; or must have (had) to*. Use the verbs given.

- 1 When I left my laptop on the train I thought I'd never see it again. But someone _____ it and handed it in to the lost property office. (*find*)
- 2 Janine owns a big car and a yacht. She _____ incredibly rich. (*be*)
- 3 'Everyone's going into the hall.' 'The meeting _____ soon. Let's go.' (*start*)
- 4 Without things like washing machines and dishwashers our grandparents _____ much harder in the kitchen than we do today. (*work*)
- 5 'Where's the camera?' 'If it's not in the cupboard, Ken _____ it. He said he was going to take some photos of the city centre today.' (*use*)
- 6 The children are putting balloons outside their house. They _____ a party. (*have*)
- 7 I didn't think Bob was coming to the meeting. He _____ his mind. (*change*)
- 8 'I wonder how you get permission to go into the building.' 'I suppose you _____ some form of identification.' (*show*)
- 9 'I thought Paul would be home.' 'He _____ Jenny to work. He said he would.' (*take*)
- 10 Look at all those birds. There _____ at least a thousand of them. (*be*)

Unit 19, Exercises, page 39

19.2

Rewrite the following in a formal style using *need*.

- 1 It is hardly necessary for us to remind you that the money is now due. *We need hardly remind you that the money is now due.*
- 2 It is only necessary for us to look at the population projections to see the seriousness of the problem. _____.
- 3 With such a lead in the opinion polls it is hardly necessary for the Democrats to bother campaigning before the election.
_____.
- 4 It is not necessary for anyone to know who paid the ransom to the kidnappers.
_____.
- 5 After such a huge lottery win, it is not necessary for him to work again.
_____.

Unit 20, Exercises, page 41

20.1

Complete the sentences with *should/ought to + infinitive (active)*, *should/ought to be + past participle (passive)*, or *should/ought to have + past participle* using each of these verbs once only.

answer arrive be go put remove resign send take visit wear win

- 1 He is running so well at the moment that Thomas _____ the 800m easily.
- 2 Where _____ I _____ the cheese? In the fridge?
- 3 The tickets _____ a couple of weeks before we go on holiday.
- 4 Payment for the full amount _____ with this application form.
- 5 You really _____ the exhibition before it closes. There are some wonderful paintings.
- 6 Don told us not to take this road. We _____ his advice.
- 7 All packaging _____ before switching on the printer for the first time.
- 8 It's important to look smart at the interview. You _____ a suit.
- 9 There are many people who think the President _____ years ago.
- 10 _____ we _____ the questions in English or in French?

- 11 If you want my advice, I _____ by train rather than car.
12 I can't imagine what's happened to Kathy. She _____ here by now.

20.3

Where necessary, correct these sentences using *should/ought to, must, shall, or had better, or write ✓*.

- 1 Cyclists had better not be allowed to ride on pavements, even where roads are very busy.
- 2 'There's something wrong with David's computer yet again.' 'He should wish he'd never bought it.'
- 3 The concert starts at 7.45. I'd better make a note of that.
- 4 I shall take my library books back today, but I don't think I'll have time.
- 5 'The children from next door have been throwing stones at our windows.' 'Well, they shouldn't do it again, otherwise I'll call the police.'
- 6 'I'm freezing.' 'You'd better have worn a thicker coat.'
- 7 We have to be in Bristol by 4.00. I think we'd better get started.
- 8 I should phone Gary this evening, but it will probably be too late by the time I get home.
- 9 'I've looked all over the house and can't find the car keys.' 'Well, if they're not here, they must still be in the car.'
- 10 We believe that parents had better pay grandparents to look after their children.

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Underline the best answers from each group in italics.

- 1 A: I've spent most of the morning trying to fix my washing machine, but I seem to have made it worse.
B: You *ought to ask/may ask/ought to have asked* me to come over and take a look at it. I *would have been/should be/would be* happy to help. But I suppose it's too late now!
- 2 The taxi *needs to/should/would* be here in a couple of minutes. *We'd better/'ve better/'d better* to get ready to go.
- 3 My daughter *wouldn't/won't/may not* eat carrots. She hates the taste of them. I *don't have to/'m not able to/can't* think of any way of getting her to eat them. But to tell the truth, I *could/would/used to* hate them when I was young, too.
- 4 A: We're completely lost! I *'m not able to/can't/mustn't* find any of the street names around here on the map.

B: We *must have/have got to have/can have* taken the wrong turning at the traffic lights about a kilometre back.

5 You *haven't got to/needn't/mustn't* go on the beach when the tide's coming in. It's very dangerous. You *can/might/would* play in the fields instead.

6 I was beginning to be concerned that I *won't/mustn't/wouldn't* get to the station for my train. But I *didn't need worry/needn't have worried/needn't worry*; Colin turned up in good time to give me a lift.

7 Most head teachers today feel that parents *need/should/had better* play a more active part in the running of schools. There was a time when parents *would/will/should* put a lot of effort into raising money for school projects, but those days seem to have gone.

8 A: These trousers shrank the first time I washed them.

B: If I were you, I *ought to/should/can* take them back.

A: Yes, I suppose they *can/need/may* give me my money back.

9 Preliminary research suggests that the bones *must/have got to/used to* be at least 100,000 years old, but they *would/could/can* be considerably older than that.

10 Apparently, in the future, airline passengers *will be able to/can/could* send and receive email messages without moving from their seats. Of course, by the time this is common, we *can/must/might* have started using even more efficient ways of communicating.

11 Both candidates for the job were very strong and it was hard to choose between them. I certainly *couldn't/mustn't/had got to* have decided which one to appoint. But fortunately, we *hadn't got to/didn't have to/mustn't* make a final decision; the management found enough money to allow us to appoint both of them.

12 You *needn't/don't need to/mustn't* be very fit to play badminton well. It *can/is able to/could* be played by anyone who is reasonably fit and who has a good sense of timing.