

EXERCISES

26.1 Complete the sentences using **can** or **(be) able to**. Use **can** if possible; otherwise use **(be) able to**.

- 1 George has travelled a lot. He **can** speak four languages.
- 2 I haven't **been able to** sleep very well recently.
- 3 Sandra ..... drive but she hasn't got a car.
- 4 I can't understand Martin. I've never ..... understand him.
- 5 I used to ..... stand on my head but I can't do it now.
- 6 I can't see you on Friday but I ..... meet you on Saturday morning.
- 7 Ask Catherine about your problem. She might ..... help you.

26.2 Write sentences about yourself using the ideas in brackets.

- 1 (something you used to be able to do) **I used to be able to sing well.**
- 2 (something you used to be able to do) I used .....
- 3 (something you would like to be able to do)  
I'd .....
- 4 (something you have never been able to do)  
I've .....

26.3 Complete the sentences with **can / can't / could / couldn't** + one of these verbs:

**come cat hear run sleep wait**

- 1 I'm afraid I **can't come** to your party next week.
- 2 When Tim was 16, he was a fast runner. He ..... 100 metres in 11 seconds.
- 3 'Are you in a hurry?' 'No, I've got plenty of time. I .....
- 4 I was feeling sick yesterday. I ..... anything.
- 5 Can you speak up a bit? I ..... you very well.
- 6 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I ..... last night.'

26.4 Complete the answers to the questions with **was/were able to**.

- 1 A: Did everybody escape from the fire?  
B: Yes. Although the fire spread quickly, everybody **was able to escape.**
- 2 A: Did you have difficulty finding Ann's house?  
B: Not really. Ann had given us good directions and we .....
- 3 A: Did you finish your work this afternoon?  
B: Yes. There was nobody to disturb me, so .....
- 4 A: Did the thief get away?  
B: Yes. No one realised what was happening and the thief .....

26.5 Complete the sentences using **could, couldn't** or **was/were able to**.

- 1 My grandfather was a very clever man. He **could** speak five languages.
- 2 I looked everywhere for the book but I **couldn't** find it.
- 3 They didn't want to come with us at first but we **were able to** persuade them.
- 4 Laura had hurt her leg and ..... walk very well.
- 5 Sue wasn't at home when I phoned but I ..... contact her at her office.
- 6 I looked very carefully and I ..... see a figure in the distance.
- 7 I wanted to buy some tomatoes. The first shop I went to didn't have any but I ..... get some in the next shop.
- 8 My grandmother loved music. She ..... play the piano very well.
- 9 A girl fell into the river but fortunately we ..... rescue her.
- 10 I had forgotten to bring my camera so I ..... take any photographs.

Answer the questions with a suggestion. Use *could*.

- 1 Where shall we go for our holidays?
- 2 What shall we have for dinner tonight?
- 3 What shall I give Ann for her birthday?
- 4 When shall I phone Angela?
- 5 When shall we go and see Tom?
- 6 Where shall we hang this picture?

- (to Scotland) *We could go to Scotland.*  
 (fish) We .....  
 (a book) You .....  
 (now) .....  
 (on Friday) .....  
 (in the kitchen) .....

Put in *can* or *could*. Sometimes either word is possible.

- 1 'The phone is ringing. Who do you think it is?' 'It *could* be Tim.'
- 2 I'm really hungry. I ..... eat a horse!
- 3 If you're very hungry, we ..... have dinner now.
- 4 It's so nice here. I ..... stay here all day but unfortunately I have to go.
- 5 'I can't find my bag. Have you seen it?' 'No, but it ..... be in the car.'
- 6 Peter is a keen musician. He plays the flute and he ..... also play the piano.
- 7 'What shall we do?' 'There's a film on television. We ..... watch that.'
- 8 The weather is nice now but it ..... change later.

Complete the sentences. Use *could* or *could have* + a suitable verb.

- 1 A: What shall we do this evening? B: I don't mind. We *could go* to the cinema.
- 2 A: I had a very boring evening at home yesterday.  
B: Why did you stay at home? You ..... to the cinema.
- 3 A: There's an interesting job advertised in the paper. You ..... for it.  
B: What sort of job is it? Show me the advertisement.
- 4 A: Did you go to the concert last night?  
B: No. We ..... but we decided not to.
- 5 A: Where shall we meet tomorrow?  
B: Well, I ..... to your house if you like.

Read this information about Ken:

- Ken didn't do anything on Saturday evening. Ken was short of money last week.  
 Ken doesn't know anything about machines. ~~Ken's car was stolen on Monday.~~  
 Ken was free on Monday afternoon. Ken had to work on Friday evening.

Some people wanted Ken to do different things last week but they couldn't contact him. So he didn't do any of these things. You have to say whether he could have done or couldn't have done them.

- 1 Ken's aunt wanted him to drive her to the airport on Tuesday.  
*He couldn't have driven her to the airport (because his car had been stolen).*
- 2 A friend of his wanted him to go out for a meal on Friday evening.  
Ken .....
- 3 Another friend wanted him to play tennis on Monday afternoon.  
Ken .....
- 4 Jack wanted Ken to lend him £50 last week.  
.....
- 5 Jane wanted Ken to come to her party on Saturday evening.  
He .....
- 6 Ken's mother wanted him to repair her washing machine.  
.....

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28.1 Put in **must** or **can't**.

- 1 You've been travelling all day. You **must** be very tired.
- 2 That restaurant ..... be very good. It's always full of people.
- 3 That restaurant ..... be very good. It's always empty.
- 4 You're going on holiday next week. You ..... be looking forward to it.
- 5 It rained every day during their holiday, so they ..... have had a very nice time.
- 6 Congratulations on passing your exam. You ..... be very pleased.
- 7 You got here very quickly. You ..... have walked very fast.
- 8 Bill and Sue go away on holiday very often, so they ..... be short of money.

28.2 Complete the sentences with a verb in the correct form.

- 1 I've lost one of my gloves. I must **have dropped** it somewhere.
- 2 They haven't lived here for long. They can't **know** many people.
- 3 Ted isn't at work today. He must ..... ill.
- 4 Ted wasn't at work last week. He must ..... ill.
- 5 (*The doorbell rings*) I wonder who that is. It can't ..... Mary. She's still at work at this time.
- 6 Carol knows a lot about films. She must ..... to the cinema a lot.
- 7 Look. Jack is putting on his hat and coat. He must ..... out.
- 8 I left my bike outside the house last night and this morning it isn't there any more. Somebody must ..... it.
- 9 Ann was in a very difficult situation. It can't ..... easy for her.
- 10 There is a man walking behind us. He has been walking behind us for the last 20 minutes. He must ..... us.

28.3 Read the situations and use the words in brackets to write sentences with **must have** and **can't have**.

- 1 The phone rang but I didn't hear it. (I / asleep)  
I **must have been asleep**.
- 2 Jane walked past me without speaking. (she / see / me)  
She **can't have seen me**.
- 3 The jacket you bought is very good quality. (it / very expensive)  
.....
- 4 I haven't seen the people next door for ages. (they / go away)  
.....
- 5 I can't find my umbrella. (I / leave / it in the restaurant last night)  
.....
- 6 Don passed the exam without studying for it. (the exam / very difficult)  
.....
- 7 She knew everything about our plans. (she / listen / to our conversation)  
.....
- 8 Fiona did the opposite of what I asked her to do. (she / understand / what I said)  
.....
- 9 When I woke up this morning, the light was on. (I / forget / to turn it off)  
.....
- 10 The lights were red but the car didn't stop. (the driver / see / the red light)  
.....
- 11 I was woken up in the middle of the night by the noise next door. (the neighbours / have / a party) .....  
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2.1 Write these sentences in a different way using **may** or **might**.

- 1 Perhaps Margaret is in her office. *She might be in her office.*
- 2 Perhaps Margaret is busy. ....
- 3 Perhaps she is working. ....
- 4 Perhaps she wants to be alone. ....
- 5 Perhaps she was ill yesterday. ....
- 6 Perhaps she went home early. ....
- 7 Perhaps she had to go home early. ....
- 8 Perhaps she was working yesterday. ....

In sentences 9–11 use **may not** or **might not**.

- 9 Perhaps she doesn't want to see me. ....
- 10 Perhaps she isn't working today. ....
- 11 Perhaps she wasn't feeling well yesterday. ....

2.2 Complete the sentences with a verb in the correct form.

- 1 'Where's Bob?' 'I'm not sure. He might *be having* lunch.'
- 2 'Who is that man with Ann?' 'I'm not sure. It might ..... her brother.'
- 3 'Who was the man we saw with Ann yesterday?' 'I'm not sure. It might ..... her brother.'
- 4 'Why are those people waiting in the street?' 'I don't know. They might ..... for a bus.'
- 5 'Shall I buy this book for Tim?' 'You'd better not. He might already ..... it.'

2.3 Read the situations and make sentences from the words in brackets. Use **may** or **might**.

- 1 I can't find George anywhere. I wonder where he is.
  - a (he / go / shopping) *He may have gone shopping.*
  - b (he / play / tennis) *He might be playing tennis.*
- 2 I'm looking for Helen. Do you know where she is?
  - a (she / watch / TV / in her room) .....
  - b (she / go / out) .....
- 3 I can't find my umbrella. Have you seen it?
  - a (it / be / in the car) .....
  - b (you / leave / in the restaurant last night) .....
- 4 Why didn't Tom answer the doorbell? I'm sure he was in the house at the time.
  - a (he / be / in the bath) .....
  - b (he / not / hear / the bell) .....

2.4 Complete the sentences using **might not** or **couldn't**.

- 1 A: Do you think she saw you?  
B: No, she was too far away. *She couldn't have seen me.*
- 2 A: I wonder why she didn't say hello. Perhaps she didn't see me.  
B: That's possible. *She might not have seen you.*
- 3 A: I wonder why Ann didn't come to the party. Perhaps she wasn't invited.  
B: Yes, it's possible. She .....
- 4 A: Tom loves parties. I'm sure he would have come to the party if he'd been invited.  
B: I agree. He .....
- 5 A: I wonder how the fire started. Do you think it was an accident?  
B: No, the police say it .....
- 6 A: How did the fire start? I suppose it was an accident.  
B: Well, the police aren't sure. They say it .....

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30.1 Write sentences with **may** or **might**.

- 1 Where are you going for your holidays? (to Ireland???)  
I haven't decided yet. ... I may go to Ireland.
- 2 What sort of car are you going to buy? (a Mercedes???)  
I'm not sure yet. I .....
- 3 What are you doing this weekend? (go to London???)  
I haven't decided yet. ....
- 4 Where are you going to hang that picture? (in the dining room???)  
I haven't made up my mind yet. ....
- 5 When is Tom coming to see us? (on Saturday???)  
I don't know yet. ....
- 6 What is Julia going to do when she leaves school? (go to university???)  
She hasn't decided yet. ....

30.2 Complete the sentences using **might** + one of these verbs:

bite break need ~~rain~~ slip wake

- 1 Take an umbrella with you when you go out. It might rain later.
- 2 Don't make too much noise. You ..... the baby.
- 3 Be careful of that dog. It ..... you.
- 4 I don't think we should throw that letter away. We ..... it later.
- 5 Be careful. The footpath is very icy. You .....
- 6 I don't want the children to play in this room. They ..... something.

30.3 Complete the sentences using **might be able to** or **might have to** + a suitable verb.

- 1 I can't help you but why don't you ask Jill? She might be able to help you.
- 2 I can't meet you this evening but I ..... you tomorrow evening.
- 3 I'm not working on Saturday but I ..... on Sunday.
- 4 George isn't well. He ..... to hospital for an operation.

30.4 Write sentences with **may not** or **might not**.

- 1 (I don't know if Ann will come to the party.) ... Ann might not come to the party.
- 2 (I don't know if I'll go out this evening.) I .....
- 3 (I don't know if Tom will like the present I bought for him.)  
Tom .....
- 4 (I don't know if Sue will be able to meet us this evening.)  
.....

30.5 Read the situations and make sentences with **may/might** as well.

- 1 You and a friend have just missed the bus. The buses run every hour.  
You say: We'll have to wait an hour for the next bus. ... We might as well walk.
- 2 You have a free ticket for a concert. You're not very keen on the concert but you decide to go. You say: I ..... to the concert. It's a pity to waste a free ticket.
- 3 You're in a café with a friend. You've finished your drinks. It's a nice café and there is no reason to go now, so why not have another drink?  
You say: We ..... What would you like?
- 4 You and a friend are at home. You are bored. There's a film on TV starting in a few minutes.  
You say: ..... There's nothing else to do.

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3.1 Complete these sentences with **must** or **have to** (in the correct form). Sometimes it is possible to use either; sometimes only **have to** is possible.

- 1 It's later than I thought. I **must or have to** go now.
- 2 Jack left before the end of the meeting. He **had to** go home early.
- 3 In Britain many children ..... wear uniform when they go to school.
- 4 When you come to London again, you ..... come and see us.
- 5 Last night Don became ill suddenly. We ..... call a doctor.
- 6 You really ..... work harder if you want to pass the examination.
- 7 I'm afraid I can't come tomorrow. I ..... work late.
- 8 I'm sorry I couldn't come yesterday. I ..... work late.
- 9 Paul doesn't like his new job. Sometimes he ..... work at weekends.
- 10 Caroline may ..... go away next week.
- 11 We couldn't repair the car ourselves. We ..... take it to a garage.
- 12 Julia wears glasses. She ..... wear glasses since she was very young.

3.2 Make questions with **have to**.

- 1 I had to go to hospital last week.
- 2 I have to get up early tomorrow.
- 3 Ann has to go somewhere now.
- 4 George had to pay a parking fine yesterday.
- 5 I had to wait a long time for the bus.
- 6 I have to phone my sister now.
- 7 Paul has to leave soon.

- Why **did you have to go to hospital?**
- Why ..... early?
- Where ..... she .....
- How much .....
- How long .....
- Why .....
- What time .....

3.3 Complete these sentences using **don't / doesn't / didn't have to** + one of these verbs:

do **get up** go go pay shave wait work

- 1 I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to get up** early.
- 2 The car park is free - you ..... to park your car there.
- 3 I went to the bank this morning. There was no queue, so I .....
- 4 Sally is extremely rich. She .....
- 5 We've got plenty of time. We ..... yet.
- 6 Jack has got a beard, so he .....
- 7 I'm not particularly busy. I've got a few things to do but I ..... them now.
- 8 A man was slightly injured in the accident but he ..... to hospital.

3.4 Complete these sentences with **mustn't** or **don't/doesn't have to**.

- 1 I don't want anyone to know. You **mustn't** tell anyone.
- 2 He **doesn't have to** wear a suit to work but he usually does.
- 3 I can stay in bed tomorrow morning because I ..... go to work.
- 4 Whatever you do, you ..... touch that switch. It's very dangerous.
- 5 There's a lift in the building, so we ..... climb the stairs.
- 6 You ..... forget what I told you. It's very important.
- 7 Sue ..... get up early. She gets up early because she wants to.
- 8 Don't make so much noise. We ..... wake the baby.
- 9 I ..... eat too much. I'm supposed to be on a diet.
- 10 You ..... be a good player to enjoy a game of tennis.

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2.1 Complete the sentences using **needn't** + one of these verbs:

ask come explain leave tell walk

- 1 We've got plenty of time. We **needn't leave** yet.
- 2 I can manage the shopping alone. You ..... with me.
- 3 We ..... all the way home. We can get a taxi.
- 4 Just help yourself if you'd like something to eat. You ..... first.
- 5 We can keep this a secret between ourselves. We ..... anybody else.
- 6 I understand the situation perfectly. You ..... further.

2.2 Complete the sentences with **must**, **mustn't** or **needn't**.

- 1 We haven't got much time. We **must** hurry.
- 2 We've got plenty of time. We **needn't** hurry.
- 3 We have enough food at home so we ..... go shopping today.
- 4 Jim gave me a letter to post. I ..... remember to post it.
- 5 Jim gave me a letter to post. I ..... forget to post it.
- 6 There's plenty of time for you to make up your mind. You ..... decide now.
- 7 You ..... wash those tomatoes. They've already been washed.
- 8 This is a valuable book. You ..... look after it carefully and you ..... lose it.
- 9 'What sort of house do you want to buy? Something big?' 'Well, it ..... be big - that's not important. But it ..... have a nice garden - that's essential.'

2.3 Read the situations and make sentences with **needn't have**.

- 1 George went out. He took an umbrella because he thought it was going to rain. But it didn't rain. **He needn't have taken an umbrella.**
- 2 Ann bought some eggs when she went shopping. When she got home, she found that she already had plenty of eggs. She .....
- 3 A friend got angry with you and shouted at you. You think this was unnecessary. Later you say to him/her: You .....
- 4 Brian had no money, so he sold his car. A few days later he won some money in a lottery. He .....
- 5 When we went on holiday, we took the camera with us but we didn't use it in the end. ....
- 6 I thought I was going to miss my train so I rushed to the station. But the train was late and in the end I had to wait 20 minutes. ....

2.4 Write two sentences for each situation. Use **needn't have** in the first sentence and **could have** in the second (as in the example). For **could have** see Unit 27.

- 1 Why did you rush? Why didn't you take your time?  
**You needn't have rushed. You could have taken your time.**
- 2 Why did you walk home? Why didn't you take a taxi?  
.....
- 3 Why did you stay at a hotel? Why didn't you stay with us?  
.....
- 4 Why did she phone me in the middle of the night? Why didn't she phone me in the morning?  
.....
- 5 Why did you leave without saying anything? Why didn't you say goodbye to me?  
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1 For each situation write a sentence with **should** or **shouldn't** + one of the following:

~~go away for a few days~~      go to bed so late      look for another job  
put some pictures on the walls      take a photograph      use her car so much

- 1 (Liz needs a change.) ...~~She should go away for a few days.~~.....
- 2 (My salary is very low.) You .....
- 3 (Jack always has difficulty getting up.) He .....
- 4 (What a beautiful view!) You .....
- 5 (Sue drives everywhere. She never walks.) She .....
- 6 (Bill's room isn't very interesting.) .....

2 Read the situations and write sentences with **I think / I don't think...should...**

- 1 Peter and Judy are planning to get married. You think it's a bad idea.  
(get married) ...~~I don't think they should get married.~~.....
- 2 You don't like smoking, especially in restaurants.  
(be banned) I think .....
- 3 I have a very bad cold but I plan to go out this evening. You don't think this is a good idea.  
You say to me: (go out) .....
- 4 You are fed up with the government. You think they have made too many mistakes.  
(resign) .....

3 Complete the sentences with **should (have) + the verb in brackets**.

- 1 Margaret ~~should pass~~ the exam. She's been studying very hard. (pass)
- 2 You missed a great party last night. You ~~should have come~~ (come)
- 3 We don't see you enough. You ..... and see us more often. (come)
- 4 I'm in a difficult position. What do you think I .....? (do)
- 5 I'm sorry that I didn't take your advice. I ..... what you said. (do)
- 6 I'm playing tennis with Jill tomorrow. She ..... - she's much better than me. (win)
- 7 We lost the match but we ..... We were the better team. (win)
- 8 'Is John here yet?' 'Not yet, but he ..... here soon.' (be)
- 9 I posted the letter three days ago, so it ..... by now. (arrive)

4 Read the situations and write sentences with **should/shouldn't**. Some of the sentences are past and some are present.

- 1 I'm feeling sick. I ate too much. ...~~I shouldn't have eaten so much.~~.....
- 2 That man on the motorbike isn't wearing a helmet. That's dangerous.  
He ~~should be wearing a helmet.~~.....
- 3 When we got to the restaurant, there were no free tables. We hadn't reserved one.  
We .....
- 4 The notice says that the shop is open every day from 8.30. It is 9 o'clock now but the shop isn't open yet. ....
- 5 The speed limit is 30 miles an hour, but Catherine is doing 50.  
She .....
- 6 I went to Paris. A friend of mine lives in Paris but I didn't go to see him while I was there.  
When I saw him later, he said: You .....
- 7 I was driving behind another car. Suddenly, the driver in front stopped without warning and I drove into the back of his car. It wasn't my fault. ....
- 8 I walked into a wall. I wasn't looking where I was going.  
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34.1 Write a sentence (beginning in the way shown) that means the same as the first sentence.

- 1 'I think it would be a good idea to see a specialist,' the doctor said to me.  
The doctor recommended that ... I should see a specialist...
- 2 'You really must stay a little longer,' she said to me.  
She insisted that .....
- 3 'Why don't you visit the museum after lunch?' I said to them.  
I suggested that .....
- 4 'You must pay the rent by Friday,' the landlord said to us.  
The landlord demanded that .....
- 5 'Why don't you go away for a few days?' Jack said to me.  
Jack suggested that .....

34.2 Are these sentences right or wrong?

- 1 a Tom suggested that I should look for another job. ...RIGHT...
- b Tom suggested that I look for another job. ....
- c Tom suggested that I looked for another job. ....
- d Tom suggested me to look for another job. ....
- 2 a Where do you suggest I go for my holiday? .....
- b Where do you suggest me to go for my holiday? .....
- c Where do you suggest I should go for my holiday? .....

34.3 Complete the sentences using **should** + one of these verbs:

ask    **be**    leave    listen    say    worry

- 1 It's strange that she ...should be... late. She's usually on time.
- 2 It's funny that you ..... that. I was going to say the same thing.
- 3 It's only natural that parents ..... about their children.
- 4 Isn't it typical of Ron that he ..... without saying goodbye to anybody?
- 5 I was surprised that he ..... me for advice. What advice could I give him?
- 6 It's very important that everybody ..... very carefully.

34.4 Complete these sentences using **if...should...**

- 1 (It's possible that you'll see Tom this evening.)  
...if you should see Tom this evening..., can you ask him to phone me?
- 2 (It's possible that Ann will arrive before I get home.)  
If ....., can you look after her until I come?
- 3 (Perhaps there will be some letters for me while I'm away.)  
....., can you send them on to this address?
- 4 (I don't suppose you'll need help but you might.)  
....., let me know.

Write sentences 3 and 4 again, this time beginning with **should**.

- 5 (3) ....., can you send them on to this address?
- 6 (4) .....

34.5 (Section E) Complete the sentences using **I should** + one of these verbs:

buy    keep    phone    ~~wait~~

- 1 'Shall I leave now?' 'No, ...I should wait... a bit longer.'
- 2 'Shall I throw these things away?' 'No, ..... them. You may need them.'
- 3 'Shall I go and see Paul?' 'Yes, but ..... him first.'
- 4 'Do you think it's worth repairing this TV set?' 'No, ..... a new one.'

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5.1 Complete the sentences. Sometimes you need only one word, sometimes two.

- 1 a I need some money. I'd better go to the bank.  
 b John is expecting you to phone him. You ..... better do it now.  
 c 'Shall I leave the window open?' 'No, you'd better ..... it.'  
 d We'd better leave as soon as possible, ..... we?
- 2 a It's time the government ..... something about the problem.  
 b It's time something ..... about the problem.  
 c I think it's about time you ..... about me instead of only thinking about yourself.

5.2 Read the situations and write sentences with **had better**. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 You're going out for a walk with Tom. It might rain. You say to Tom: (an umbrella) We'd better take an umbrella.
- 2 Jack has just cut himself. It's quite a bad cut. You say to him: (a plaster) .....
- 3 You and Ann plan to go to a restaurant this evening. It's a very popular restaurant. You say to Ann: (reserve) We .....
- 4 Jill doesn't look very well - not well enough to go to work. You say to her: (work) .....
- 5 You received your phone bill four weeks ago but you haven't paid it yet. If you don't pay very soon, you could be in trouble. You say to yourself: (pay) .....
- 6 You want to go out but you're expecting an important phone call. You say to your friend: (go out) I .....
- 7 You and Fiona are going to the theatre. You've missed the bus and you don't want to be late. You say to Fiona: (a taxi) .....

5.3 Put in **had better** or **should**. Sometimes either is possible.

- 1 I have an appointment in ten minutes. I had better go now or I'll be late.
- 2 It's a great film. You should go and see it. You'll really like it.
- 3 I ..... get up early tomorrow. I've got a lot to do.
- 4 When people are driving, they ..... keep their eyes on the road.
- 5 Thank you for coming to see us. You ..... come more often.
- 6 She'll be upset if we don't invite her to the wedding, so we ..... invite her.
- 7 These biscuits are delicious. You ..... try one.
- 8 I think everybody ..... learn a foreign language.

5.4 Read the situations and write sentences with **It's time** (somebody **did** something).

- 1 You think the children should be in bed. It's already 11 o'clock.  
It's time the children were in bed.
- 2 You haven't had a holiday for a very long time. You need one now.  
It's time I .....
- 3 You're waiting for Mary. She is late. Why isn't she here yet?  
It's time she .....
- 4 You're sitting on a train waiting for it to leave the station. It's already five minutes late.  
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- 5 You enjoy having parties. You haven't had one for a long time.  
.....
- 6 The company you work for is badly run. You think there should be some changes.  
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**EXERCISES**

1 Read the situations and write questions beginning *Can... or Could...*

- 1 You're carrying a lot of things. You can't open the door yourself. There's a man standing near the door. You say to him: *Could you open the door, please?*
- 2 You phone Ann but somebody else answers. Ann isn't there. You want to leave a message for her. You say: .....
- 3 You are a tourist. You want to go to the station but you don't know where it is. You ask at your hotel. You say: .....
- 4 You are in a clothes shop. You see some trousers you like and you want to try them on. You say to the shop assistant: .....
- 5 You have a car. You have to go to the same place as John, who hasn't got a car. You want to give him a lift. You say to John: .....

2 Read the situations and write questions beginning *Do you think...*

- 1 You want to borrow your friend's camera. What do you say to him?  
Do you think *...I could borrow your camera?*
- 2 You are at a friend's house and you want to use her phone. What do you say?  
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- 3 You've written a letter in English. Before you send it, you want an English friend to check it. What do you ask him? .....
- 4 You want to leave work early because you have some things to do. What do you ask your boss? .....
- 5 The woman in the next room is playing music. It's very loud. You want her to turn it down. What do you say to her? .....
- 6 You are phoning the owner of a flat which was advertised in a newspaper. You are interested in the flat and you want to come and see it today. What do you say to the owner?  
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3 What would you say in these situations?

- 1 John has come to see you in your flat. You offer him something to eat.  
YOU: .....
- JOHN: No, thank you. I'm not hungry.
- 2 You need help to change the film in your camera. You ask Ann.  
YOU: Ann, I don't know how to change the film. ....
- ANN: Sure. It's easy. All you have to do is this.
- 3 You're on a train. The woman next to you has finished reading her newspaper. Now you want to have a look at it. You ask her.  
YOU: Excuse me, .....
- WOMAN: Yes, of course. I've finished with it.
- 4 You're on a bus. You have a seat but an elderly man is standing. You offer him your seat.  
YOU: .....
- MAN: Oh, that's very kind of you. Thank you very much.
- 5 You're the passenger in a car. Your friend is driving very fast. You ask her to slow down.  
YOU: You're making me very nervous. ....
- DRIVER: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't realise I was going so fast.
- 6 You've finished your meal in a restaurant and now you want the bill. You ask the waiter:  
YOU: .....
- WAITER: Right. I'll get it for you now.
- 7 A friend of yours is interested in one of your books. You invite him to borrow it.  
FRIEND: This book looks very interesting.  
YOU: Yes, it's very good. ....