4.5 GRAMMAR

Present and past modal structures

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Choose the correct modal structure to complete the advice.

BEAR SAFETY

Hiking in Black Bear Country

Enjoy the mountains and stay safe with these tips:

1 Bears are wild animals and *should / shouldn't* always be treated with respect.
2 If a bear approaches you, you *need to / needn't* try and stay calm.
3 You *must / mustn't* run as this may cause the bear to chase you.
4 You *ought to / ought not to* approach the bear. Instead back away slowly and avoid eye contact.

2 ★ Cross out *to* where it is not necessary.

Everyone should ~~to~~ benefit from money made through the sale of our country's oil.

1 Improvements in education and healthcare need to compensate for the high taxes we are paying.
2 You'd better to avoid the dark backstreets late at night unless you want to get into trouble.
3 If you have a sensitive stomach, you ought not to eat hot chillies.
4 Visitors simply must to experience the vibrant nightlife of Rio during the week of the carnival.
5 With our affordable design ideas you needn't to spend a fortune to make your living room look stylish.
6 We ought to set off early in case there are traffic jams.

3 ★★ Rewrite regrets 1–5 using the modal structures in brackets.

Deathbed Regrets

A former nurse who looked after dying patients has listed the five most common deathbed regrets.

1 I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.
2 I wish I hadn't worked so hard.
3 I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.
4 I wish I hadn't lost touch with my friends.
5 I wish I'd let myself be happier.

1 I *should have had* (should) the courage to live a life true to myself.
2 I _____ (ought/not) so hard.
3 I _____ (ought) the courage to express my feelings.
4 I _____ (should/not) with my friends.
5 I _____ (should) myself be happier.

4 ★★★ Complete the gapped sentences with appropriate modal structures so they have a similar meaning to the prompts.

Why did I bother buying a big bottle of water? Denise already had one.
I *needn't have bothered buying* a big bottle of water because Denise already had one.

1 Rod's luggage went missing, so it was necessary for him to go to the lost property office.
Rod's luggage went missing, so he _____ to the lost property office.
2 Helen wishes she hadn't spent a fortune on a new phone. She found her old one down the back of the sofa.
Helen _____ on a new phone as she found her old one down the back of the sofa.
3 Luckily, someone handed in my wallet so it wasn't necessary to cancel my bank card.
I _____ my bank card because someone handed in my wallet.
4 Dad gave me his old ski goggles, so there was no need to bother wasting money on a new pair.
I _____ wasting money on a new pair of ski goggles because Dad gave me his old ones.
5 It would have been better not to spend so long shopping around as the first shop was the cheapest anyway.
We _____ so long shopping around as the first shop was the cheapest anyway.
6 We didn't bother dressing up smartly because it wasn't necessary. It was a very casual party.
We _____ dressing up smartly because it was a very casual party.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Choose the correct option.

1 Talent alone is not enough. Actors *need to have / needed to have* determination to make it in Hollywood.
2 Claire *needn't have walked / didn't have to walk* far before she found herself in a beautiful leafy neighbourhood.
3 Sarah *shouldn't have / didn't need to* put on a party two days before New Year's Eve. Hardly anyone came.
4 You *mustn't have / needn't have* bought milk. We like our coffee black.
5 You *ought not to have proposed / ought not to propose* a toast unless you know what you are going to say.
6 They *didn't need to / shouldn't* bother lighting candles or torches as the moonlight was so bright.

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