3B Grammar

Modals: present and future

I can use modals to talk about the present, and future possibility

1 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 a / you / guidebook / buy / needn't
_____

2 book / table / need / don't / we / to / a
_____

3 apologise / her / ought / she / to / behaviour / for
_____

4 we / take / are / to / a / supposed / gift / ?
_____

5 a / don't / to / tip / you / have / leave
_____

6 eat / your / hand / have / you / to / with / right
_____

2 Match the sentence halves.

1 This is supposed ☐
2 It can ☐
3 You'll be able to ☐
4 He needn't ☐
5 It can't ☐
6 Everyone ought ☐

a take a boat trip tomorrow if the weather improves.
b be easy travelling on your own as you may get lonely.
c to be the most beautiful city in the world.
d to keep an open mind about other cultures.
e be extremely hot in Australia at Christmas.
f check out of the hotel yet.

3 Choose the correct verbs (a–d) to complete the text.

Customs in different countries [1]___ vary widely and it's sometimes difficult to know how to behave. If you're visiting Turkey, for example, and you're asked to dinner at someone's house, you [2]___ take a gift. It [3]___ be anything expensive – flowers or pastries are a good idea. Try to eat everything on your plate or you [4]___ upset your host! Remember that you [5]___ point at people with your finger – it's considered very rude. And you [6]___ show the bottoms of your feet for the same reason. Watch what other people do and follow their example and you [7]___ be fine!

1	a ought to	b can	c must	d should
2	a need	b might not	c mustn't	d ought to
3	a must	b needn't	c has to	d may
4	a could	b can	c should	d are able to
5	a should	b mustn't	c don't need to	d have to
6	a may	b are supposed to	c shouldn't	d must
7	a can	b have to	c should	d might

4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Tick the correct sentences.

1 The winters are able to be very cold in Austria.
_____ ☐

2 When we visit Norway next month, we should see the Northern Lights. _____ ☐

3 This needs be the right house – it's got a green door and blue curtains, just as Lara described. _____ ☐

4 That man mustn't be Ella's dad – he looks too old.
_____ ☐

5 This can be the last time I see you! I have to see you again!
_____ ☐

6 You have to wait for me if you're in a hurry – I'll see you there!
_____ ☐

7 In a year's time, I'll be able to drive. _____ ☐

5 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use modal verbs.

1 Sometimes our neighbours are very noisy.
Our neighbours _____ very noisy.

2 You may not have another opportunity to see this film.
This _____ last opportunity to see this film.

3 I'm sure we're not late because we left on time.
We left on time so _____ late.

4 Surely you recognise that woman from TV?
_____ that woman from TV!

5 I hope it'll be possible to go skiing in the winter.
I hope I _____ go skiing in the winter.

6 It's possible that tomorrow's match will be cancelled.
Tomorrow's match _____ cancelled.

6 Complete the text with the words below.

able might mustn't needn't should (x2) supposed

Every country around the world has its own customs and traditions, usually connected with bringing good luck or trying to avoid bad luck. For example, in Japan, if a beggar comes to your house, you are [1]_____ to throw salt where they've been, otherwise you [2]_____ have bad luck. In Brazil, you [3]_____ place a small container of salt in the corner of the house and this [4]_____ bring you good luck. In India, if there is a birth or death, the family members [5]_____ go to a temple or light a lamp in the house for fifteen days. Unmarried people in Russia should avoid sitting at the corner of the table or they won't be [6]_____ to find a life partner. And in Vietnam, you [7]_____ take an expensive gift to a wedding; in fact, two less expensive ones are better!

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