

LISTENING AND GRAMMAR

1 listen to the three experiences and compare your ideas with what actually happened. Answer the questions.

- a Who shouldn't have ignored expert advice?
- b Who should have checked the weather forecast?
- c Who should have double-checked their travel itinerary?

Paul

We decided to do something really special for Christmas. We both love _____, so we managed to book _____ days in a small ski resort in Alberta, Canada. When we arrived there, though, we found out that the temperatures had been unseasonably _____. Basically, there was no snow. Well, there were a few centimeters of snow very high up on the black runs, but we _____ allowed to go there, because it was too high and too _____. So we _____ to find other ways to entertain ourselves, and in the end, this was really good because we were _____ to _____. We didn't _____ to get up early to go _____, so we _____ go out until late at night and sleep in the morning. We read books, had long lunches, went _____ walks, and drank lots of hot chocolate. At the end of the vacation, we felt completely _____.

Rachel

When I told my friends I was going on a _____ vacation in _____, they thought I was kidding. But I thought it would be fine. OK, I don't actually own a bicycle, but I do go to the _____ twice a week. In preparation, I went to a specialist bike store to buy some gear. The _____ was compulsory, so I got one of those, but I didn't think I _____ the padded cycling shorts. The guy in the store recommended them, but I thought they looked _____, so I didn't get them. I _____ have _____ to that guy. As soon as I met the other people, I knew I was in _____. One man had recently ridden from Paris to Madrid – for fun! Our Spanish tour leader looked like she was _____ to set off on the Tour de France. I made a big effort to keep up on the first day, but by evening my rear end was in agony, and I couldn't sit down. Fortunately, we _____ have _____ carry anything – there was a car that took all our baggage from one place to the next. But I _____ to _____ that I got a ride in the baggage car a couple of times. I never realized that that part of Spain was so mountainous.

Amy

When I was 18, I was desperate to go to Guatemala to see the _____, but I wasn't _____ to go there alone – my parents thought I was too _____. So my brother agreed to come with me, and we carefully planned a three week tour. We set off from _____, and our destination was the Guatemalan city of Antigua, but we had a lay-over in Miami for a few hours. Anyway, we finally _____ off from Miami, and, during the flight, my brother asked a fellow _____ if he'd been to Antigua before. He replied that he had, and it was one of the most beautiful islands he'd ever come across. At that point, we _____ we were on the _____ plane, going to the wrong place. Obviously, we _____ get off the plane there and then, so we _____ to go on and then figure it all out when we landed. There _____ no direct flights from the Caribbean Island of Antigua to the Guatemalan city of Antigua, so we _____ to go back to Miami and start again. We lost a week of our vacation, but in the end, it just made us appreciate Guatemala all the more.

PAST MODALS

Function	Affirmative	Negative	Structure
Expressing permission	<i>was/were allowed to could</i>	<i>wasn't/weren't allowed to couldn't</i>	+ infinitive (without to) (go / do, etc.)
Expressing necessity	<i>had to needed to</i>	<i>didn't have to didn't need to</i>	
Talking about the "right course of action."	<i>should have ought to have</i>	<i>shouldn't have ought not to have</i>	+ past participle (gone / done, etc.)

2 Work with your partner. underline the two modal verbs or phrases (a, b, or c) which are appropriate to complete each sentence. cross out the answer which is not appropriate.

- Sarah and Paul _____ go skiing on the black runs.
a couldn't b weren't allowed to c didn't need to
- Sarah and Paul _____ get up early to go skiing.
a weren't allowed to b didn't have to c didn't need to
- Amy _____ go on vacation to Guatemala alone.
a wasn't allowed to b couldn't c didn't have to
- Amy and Josh _____ return to Miami before they could fly to Guatemala.
a needed to b could c had to
- Rachel didn't think she _____ buy a pair of padded cycling shorts.
a was allowed to b had to c needed to
- Rachel _____ have listened to the man in the bike store.
a should b ought to c shouldn't

Underline the correct past modals of obligation.

On my last vacation ...

- I **didn't have to** / **should have** get up early.
- I **shouldn't have** / **didn't need to** speak a different language.
- I **ought to have** / **had to** taken a good book to read.
- I **wasn't allowed to** / **should have** use my cell phone on the plane.
- I **couldn't** / **shouldn't have** eaten so much.
- I **had to** / **ought to have** pay for my in-flight meals.
- I **shouldn't have** / **couldn't** relax.
- I realized I **needed to** / **should have** gone to a different place.