

Modal verbs Unit 3

1 Read the situations and complete the responses with an appropriate modal verb and the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

- 1 Darren has just finished doing a triathlon.
Really! He _____ (feel) exhausted!
- 2 Debbie hasn't come to school – I don't know why.
I don't know either. I suppose she _____ (be) ill.
- 3 We're going to Portugal in August.
Be careful in the sun. It _____ (get) really hot at that time of year.
- 4 I've been looking through this telescope for ten minutes, but I can't see the stars you told me about.
Well, you _____ (be able to) see them. They are definitely up there! Try moving the telescope a little.
- 5 The person in the photo has dark hair and Daria has fair hair.
OK. So, it _____ (be) Daria.

2 Complete the text with the words below. Use each word once.

could may must need should

School burgled

Over the weekend, burglars broke into Brook School and stole thousands of pounds worth of computer equipment. As the alarms didn't go off, the police are convinced that the criminal gang ¹ _____ have known how to switch them off. The police aren't sure how they got in, but believe that the burglars ² _____ have had a key as no windows were broken. Local people think the police ³ _____ have arrived at the scene of the crime more quickly. It took them thirty minutes to get there, and if they had arrived earlier it's possible that they ⁴ _____ have caught the criminals. Although they didn't ⁵ _____ to help replace the stolen goods as the school had enough money to buy new equipment, students from the school started an online campaign to raise money for new computers.

3 Complete the sentences. Use a modal verb or *be supposed to* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

- 6 You _____ (tell) me that *Forest Attack* was on TV last night. It's my favourite film and I missed it!
- 7 It's not clear why Tom got so ill so suddenly. I suppose he _____ (eat) something poisonous.
- 8 Edward has lost his wallet. He _____ (leave) it in the supermarket. That's the only place he took it out of his pocket.
- 9 Lawrence _____ (buy) me a present. It really wasn't necessary. But it was very kind.
- 10 I'm sorry I hit you with my racket, but how _____ (I / know) that you were behind me? You didn't make any noise when you walked on court.