

2 Listen to the recording. Which things are mentioned in the programme? Put X opposite those statements which are mentioned.

- 1 You **don't need** to have multilingual parents to be a brilliant language learner.
- 2 You **need to** be clever to match Tim's achievements.
- 3 You **needn't** have language lessons with a teacher.
- 4 You **ought not to** waste your time on smartphone language apps.
- 5 If you **need** speaking practice, you **mustn't** be shy.
- 6 When you're practising languages, you **ought to** do things that interest you.
- 7 You **had better not** practise several languages on the same day or you'll get confused.
- 8 The correspondent says she **must** stop making excuses for her bad language skills.

### Advice, obligation and prohibition

3 Study the sentences in exercise 2. Then complete the rules with the modal verbs in bold.

- a We use **shouldn't**, ..... and ..... to give advice.
- b We use ..... to express necessity or an 'internal' obligation (the speaker has decided that something is important).
- c We use **have to** and ..... to express necessity or an 'external' obligation (other people have decided that something is important).
- d We use ..... to express prohibition.
- e We use **don't have to** , ..... and ..... to express lack of obligation or necessity.

**Complete the sentences with the verbs below.**

- needn't work ■ shouldn't work ■ mustn't work
- must work ■ have to work ■ should work

- 1 I ..... harder this term. I don't want to fail my exams again.
- 2 We ..... on this project tonight. We don't have to hand it in until Friday.
- 3 You ..... so hard. You're always getting headaches.
- 4 You ..... in the library. It's much quieter than your bedroom and you'll get more done.
- 5 Students ..... on the library computers. These are for the teachers' use only.
- 6 We all ..... on this new project for the next six months.

**Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.**

- 1 It's necessary for us to pay for this language course by Wednesday. (have to)
- 2 I advise you to listen to an English radio station for fifteen minutes every day. (should)
- 3 Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones in the classroom. (mustn't)
- 4 It's not necessary for you to live in France in order to learn French. (don't need to)
- 5 I don't think it's a good idea for them to go out tonight. (shouldn't)
- 6 We feel obliged to phone our cousins this evening. (must)

**4 Choose the correct answers.**

1 In English, you **shouldn't / needn't** rely on the pronunciation of one word to work out the pronunciation of a similar word. In **cough, ought, though, through** and **enough**, you **need to / must** pronounce **-ough** in five different ways!

2 Instead of an alphabet, Japanese has more than 50,000 different characters. I **need to / must** learn more of them - I've given myself a target of 3,000. But I **don't need to / had better not** learn them all, because even Japanese people don't do that.

3 We **needn't / mustn't** learn Mandarin Chinese at school, but I've chosen to anyway. I think everyone **had better / doesn't have to** learn it because China will soon be the world's most powerful country.

4 My German teacher thinks we **ought to / must** think up funny word associations to help us memorize vocabulary, but I **mustn't / don't have to** do that because the words are quite easy to remember anyway.