

ADVANCED LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 I don't think you *could/should* tell anyone yet.
- 2 I *couldn't/shouldn't* possibly leave without paying.
- 3 That *mustn't/can't* be the hotel Jane told us about.
- 4 There are times when the traffic here *can/could* be really heavy.
- 5 We are enjoying our holiday, though the weather *could/must* be better.
- 6 You *couldn't/shouldn't* really be sitting here.
- 7 You *could/may* be older than me, but that doesn't mean you're cleverer.
- 8 You *might/should* like to look over these papers if you have time.
- 9 I'm afraid that nobody *should/would* help me in that kind of situation.
- 10 No member of the association *must/shall* remove official documents from these premises without written permission.

2 Complete the dialogue by writing one word in each space. Contractions (*can't*) count as one word.

- Bill: This (1) *must* be the house, I suppose, number 16 Elland Way.
- Jane: I pictured it as being much bigger, from the estate agent's description.
- Bill: Well, we'd (2) go inside.
- Jane: We (3) as well. Wait a minute. I (4) to just find my glasses. I (5) see a thing without them.
- Bill: I don't think much of it from the outside, to be honest.
- Jane: Yes, it (6) certainly do with a coat of paint or two.
- Bill: Rather you than me! I (7) like to have to paint it all! And the gutters (8) replacing.
- Jane: I (9) think they haven't been replaced since the house was built.
- Bill: They (10) really be replaced every four years ideally.
- Jane: And I don't like that big ivy plant growing up the side. Ivy (11) get in the brickwork and cause all sorts of damage.
- Bill: I wonder if there's a lock on that big downstairs window? It looks very easy to break in to.
- Jane: There's (12) to be one, surely.
- Bill: Well, (13) we go inside?
- Jane: Do we (14) to? I think I've seen enough already. I (15) possibly live here.

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4 Choose the sentence (A or B) that is closest in meaning to the sentence given.

- 1 It's possible that we'll know the answers tomorrow.^A.....
A We may know the answers tomorrow.
B We should know the answers tomorrow.
- 2 I don't think you should ring him now. It's rather late.
A You might not ring him now. It's rather late.
B You'd better not ring him now. It's rather late.
- 3 You needn't come if you don't want to.
A You won't come if you don't want to.
B You don't have to come if you don't want to.
- 4 I think it's wrong for you to work so hard.
A You don't have to work so hard.
B You shouldn't work so hard.
- 5 Perhaps these are the keys.
A These might be the keys.
B These must be the keys.
- 6 It would be wrong for us to lock the cat in the house for a week.
A We'd better not lock the cat in the house for a week.
B We can't lock the cat in the house for a week.
- 7 It's possible that the decision will be announced next week.
A The decision might be announced next week.
B The decision will be announced next week.
- 8 Although I try hard, I can never solve 'The Times' crossword.
A Try as I may, I can never solve 'The Times' crossword.
B Try as I can, I may never solve 'The Times' crossword.
- 9 I know. Why don't we go out to eat instead?
A I know. We must go out to eat instead.
B I know. We could go out to eat instead.
- 10 Using Punter's Paints couldn't be easier.
A You may as well use Punter's Paints.
B You should find Punter's Paints easy to use.
- 11 Peter often really annoys people.
A Peter can be really annoying.
B Try as he might, Peter annoys people.
- 12 Jane wouldn't talk about people like that, surely!
A Jane didn't want to talk about people like that.
B Jane isn't the kind of person to talk about people like that.

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- 1 That can't have been/shouldn't have been Nick that you saw.
- 2 You must have given/might have given me a hand!
- 3 I caught a later train because I had to see/must have seen a client.
- 4 I suppose Bill should have lost/might have lost his way.
- 5 I didn't refuse the cake, as it should have been/would have been rude.
- 6 I don't know who rang, but it could have been/must have been Jim.
- 7 It was odd that you should have bought/would have bought the same car.
- 8 I asked them to leave but they might not/wouldn't go.
- 9 It's a pity you didn't ask because I can't help/could have helped you.
- 10 It's your own fault, you can't have/shouldn't have gone to bed so late.

2 Complete the text by writing a verb from the box in each space.

can't have	must have	shouldn't have	may not have	may have
shouldn't have	can't have	ought to have	didn't need to	shouldn't have

- 1 You and your big mouth! It was supposed to be a secret. You shouldn't have told her!
- 2 The plane is late. It landed by now.
- 3 You met my brother. I haven't got one!
- 4 There is only one explanation. You left your keys on the bus.
- 5 You heard me right. I definitely said 204525.
- 6 The meat is a bit burnt. You cooked it for so long.
- 7 I'm sorry. I accept I been a little bit rude.
- 8 You really taken so much trouble over me.
- 9 Was it really necessary? You tell the police, you know.
- 10 Keep your fingers crossed! The traffic warden noticed the car's parked next to a No Parking sign!