Grammar

A Circle the correct words.

1 Hannah couldn't / mustn't be late for school.
2 Jenny can / could be at the gym.
3 Lisa wasn't able to / didn't have to go out because it was raining.
4 May / Might I have some money for the bus please, Mum?
5 You may / ought to take up a hobby in your free time.
6 Joe has to / can fix her bike because it's broken.
7 We're not sure at the moment, but we may / must join the drama club.
8 The children must / might be hungry. They haven't eaten all day.

B Complete the sentences with these words.

can can't could doesn't have to isn't able to must needn't shouldn't

1 _____ I get a new video game, Dad?
2 Mum _____ be at the supermarket, but I'm not sure.
3 Beth _____ go to school tomorrow. It's a public holiday.
4 Nick _____ show off like that. It's really annoying.
5 You _____ buy a bike. I'll give you mine.
6 Carly is only five. She _____ look after herself.
7 I _____ finish my essay tonight or my teacher will be very angry.
8 You _____ be tired. You've been sleeping all day!

C Read the situations and write a sentence for each one using the correct modal perfect.

1 I'm not sure, but I think Michelle went home.
_____
2 Bernie was able to give you the money, but you didn't ask him.
_____
3 I'm sure Mr Bigglesworth didn't get a cat. He's allergic to them.
_____
4 Mark was home alone when the vase was broken.
_____
5 Your sister was upset because you didn't buy her a birthday present.
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6 The children left the house without telling their mother. That was wrong.
_____

D Complete the text with these words.

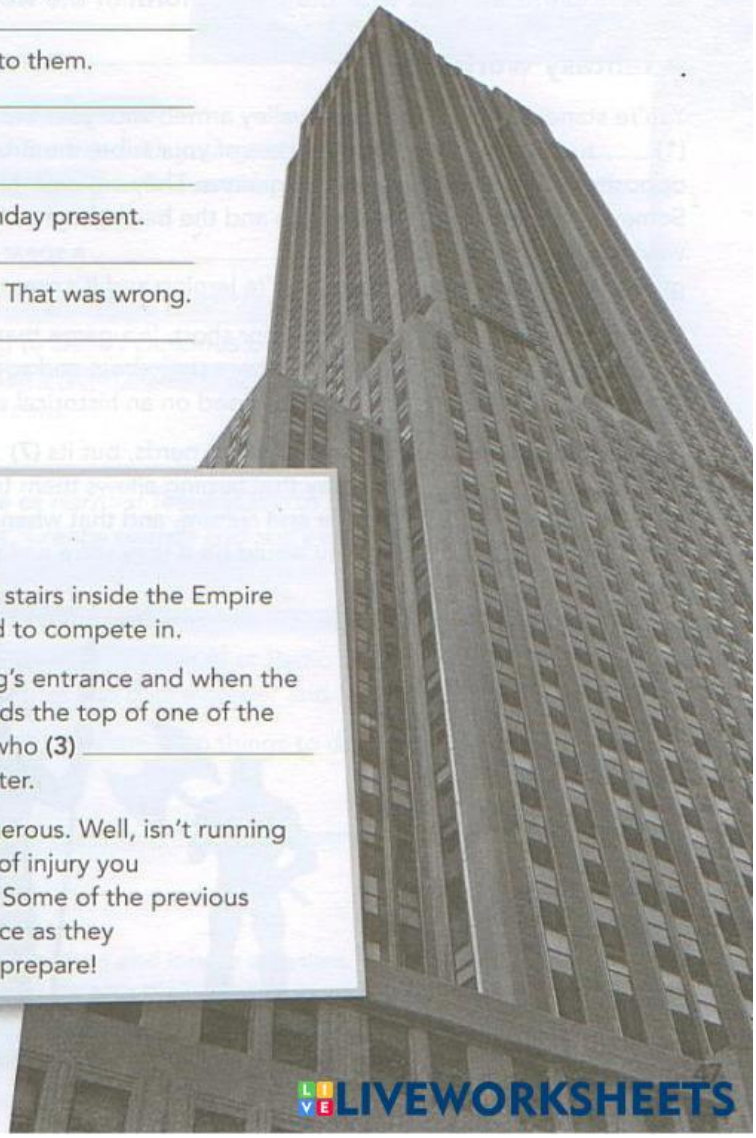
can could have to is able to may should

The Empire Run-up

Some people have very odd pastimes. In New York, USA, you (1) _____ sometimes see people running up the stairs inside the Empire State Building! It's an annual race which you have to be invited to compete in.

The competitors (2) _____ line up in the building's entrance and when the starting gun goes off, they all start running up the stairs towards the top of one of the world's most famous buildings. The winner is the first person who (3) _____ reach the finishing line in the Observation Deck, 1576 steps later.

You (4) _____ be wondering if this event is dangerous. Well, isn't running up the stairs always dangerous? They say to minimise the risk of injury you (5) _____ train as much as possible beforehand. Some of the previous competitors didn't use any fancy equipment to train for the race as they (6) _____ run up and down the stairs at work to prepare!



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