

unit 07

- 4 The travel book will be **useful** _____ our trip to Paris at the end of the month.
- 5 What exactly do you **mean** _____ saying I'm arrogant and a snob?
- 6 Most nouns form their plural in -s, but there are a lot of **exceptions** _____ this rule.
- 7 Mrs Ming is a very nice lady. She's always been **good** _____ me.
- 8 A glass of orange juice a day is **good** _____ you.
- 9 This brochure will be **useful** _____ all the tourists who visit the sights.

Grammar Revision (Modal Verbs)

See Grammar Review page 155

Read the short texts below and complete each blank with one word. All the missing words are modal verbs (can, could, may, should etc.)

- a As children, they (1) _____ to spend a lot of time together. They (2) _____ go for long bike rides along the coast until they reached the cave. Once there, they (3) _____ able to explore it to their heart's content, as no one else knew about this secret hideaway. They felt they (4) _____ to keep this place to themselves no matter what.
- b I'm worried about Gene. He hasn't been well lately. Yesterday, he was pale and he (5) _____ have been feeling sick, as he (6) _____ not eat a thing. I think he (7) _____ better see a doctor, as he (8) _____ have some serious illness he's not aware of. Of course, it (9) _____ just be a virus. To be on the safe side, though, I (10) _____ drop by his house later and tell him that he (11) _____ do something about it immediately.
- c When used properly, videos (12) _____ be very educational for children. Of course, they (13) _____ be suitable for their age and children (14) _____ not just be placed in front of the television and left unsupervised. Parents (15) _____ to be actively involved, too, as children (16) _____ not be passive viewers; they need someone to interact with while watching.
- d My car broke down yesterday and I (17) _____ to take the bus to work. I (18) _____ have taken a taxi instead, as it was a frustrating experience. We were all squashed together like sardines in a tin and we (19) _____ hardly breathe. To make matters worse, an overweight lady standing next to me wanted to get off at one point. "(20) _____ you mind moving a bit to the side so that I (21) _____ get to the door?" she said. She nearly squashed me to death! (22) _____ the public transportation system be this bad?