

# UNIT 5 Grammar practice



## Ability & requests

1 Complete the questions with the correct forms of **can**, **can't** and **be able to** and the verbs in bold.

Can you play the piano? (you / play)

- ..... Arabic? (he / speak)
- ..... well when you were a child? (you / swim)
- The music that you're playing is a bit loud – ..... it down, please? (you / turn)
- I'm quite cold – ..... the window, please? (you / shut)
- They're starving – ..... a sandwich, please? (they / have)

## Obligation, prohibition & advice

2 Choose the correct options.

### Understanding cultural etiquette

How **should** / **may** you behave when you're in China?

- You (1) **should** / **might** greet people formally, starting with the eldest person first.
- You (2) **can** / **mustn't** look people directly in the eyes because this is thought to be disrespectful.
- If you're invited to somebody's house, you (3) **shouldn't** / **couldn't** arrive late and you (4) **should have** / **ought to** take a small present for your host.
- When eating, you (5) **could** / **should** try everything that you're offered, but you (6) **don't have to** / **must be** finish all the food in your bowl.

## Possibility & certainty

3 Order the words to form sentences.

working / tomorrow / I / might / night. / be / late

*I might be working late tomorrow night.*

- nervous / his / must / interview. / be / He / very / about .....
- offended / Kim / we / take / present. / be / may / don't / if / a .....
- be / She / happy / can't / looking / job. / if / for / another / she's .....
- might / if / bored / People / you're / think / you / early. / leave .....

## Modal perfects

4 Choose A, B or C to complete the sentences.

I'll call him because he B got our message about tonight.

- A could have      B may not have  
C shouldn't have

1 Carlo didn't say much – he ..... been feeling shy.

- A shouldn't have      B needn't have  
C must have

2 You ..... told me you were going to the cinema – you know I love Robert Pattinson.

- A can't have      B shouldn't have  
C could have

3 I shook hands instead of bowing in Japan – I ..... read about etiquette before I went.

- A should have      B shouldn't have  
C needn't have

4 They're going to Brazil on holiday – in fact they ..... left already.

- A may have      B couldn't have  
C shouldn't have

5 He ..... passed his driving test. He looked really sad.

- A might have      B can't have      C must have

6 He didn't answer me, so he ..... heard what I said.

- A might have      B should have  
C may not have

5 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

can't have had    could have stolen  
couldn't have won    might have stayed  
should have gone    shouldn't have eaten  
~~shouldn't have stayed~~

I'm very tired – I *shouldn't have stayed* up late last night.

- We ..... on holiday when the weather was nice.
- I ..... that seafood because it didn't taste good.
- They ..... at home today. I'm not sure.
- Katie didn't smile at the party last night. She ..... a good time.
- I can't find my mobile phone. I suppose someone ..... it.
- He didn't practise at all this month, so he ..... the match.

