Grammar EXTRA! Worksheet 2

Modal verbs – should, ought to, shouldn’t, had better

1 Choose the correct word.

1 You should / shouldn’t try and get enough sleep.
2 You should / shouldn’t worry. It isn’t good for you.
3 You ought to / shouldn’t keep your friends waiting when you meet each other.
4 You ought to / shouldn’t concentrate on what you’re doing.
5 You should / shouldn’t drink plenty of water.
6 You had better / shouldn’t apologise to your mother immediately.

2 Match the questions (a–f) below with the sentences (1–6) in exercise 1.

a I get very thirsty when I’m in the gym. What should I do?
   b I shouted at my mother today and now I’m sorry. What should I do?
   c I keep on making mistakes with my homework. What should I do?
   d I’m always tired and sometimes I fall asleep in school. What should I do?
   e My friends are angry because I’m often late. What should I do?
   f I’ve got an important exam but I feel very nervous. What should I do?

3 Complete the short dialogues with the words in the box. Use each word only once.

A  ought to    should    shouldn’t

RICK  Hi, Matt! What’s wrong?
MATT  I’m being bullied at school. What (1) ____________ I do?
RICK  You (2) ____________ go and tell a teacher.
MATT  But what if the boy finds out?
RICK  You (3) ____________ worry about that. You need to say something or he might not stop.

B  had better    should    shouldn’t

CINDY  I know you like Ben. When are you going to tell him?
ALICE  I don’t know. I’m too shy. What do you think I (4) ____________ do?
CINDY  Well, you (5) ____________ tell him now before someone else asks him out.
ALICE  What if he says ‘No’?
CINDY  You (6) ____________ worry about that.

C  had better    shouldn’t

ED  Hey! You (7) ____________ do that. You’ll get in trouble.
STELLA  Don’t worry. You (8) ____________ concentrate on what you have to do.