

Worksheet 4

Modals – *should, ought to, shouldn't and had better*

1 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 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.
- 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/ought to* 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 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

shouldn't should ought to

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 he doesn't listen to me?

RICK: You really (3) _____ worry. You need to say something or he might not stop.

B

shouldn't should had better

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 he goes out with someone else.

ALICE: What if he says 'No' to me?

CINDY: You (6) _____ worry about that.

C

had better shouldn't

ED: Hey! You (7) _____ do that. You'll get into trouble.

STELLA: Don't worry. You (8) _____ concentrate on what you have to do.