

3.6 Grammar worksheet

Modal verbs: *should, ought to, had better, must*

1 Put the words and phrases in the correct order. There is one extra word in each line that you do not need.

- 1 carry / you / shouldn't / in your backpack / too / too much money
You shouldn't carry too much money in your backpack.
- 2 had / would / go / better / we / home

- 3 ought to / they / ought / stand / in this long queue

- 4 lose / you / your passport / ought / had better not

- 5 should / we / had / how / get / to the museum / ?

- 6 take / should / better / Ethan / a boat trip

- 7 ought / an umbrella / you / bring / had better

- 8 to book / early / ought / should / we / this tour

2 Choose the correct alternative.

Oliver
2 hrs
Next week I'm flying to New York. I've travelled by plane before but never for eight hours non-stop! Any tips on how I ¹**ought / should** to prepare for such a long flight? #longhaulflight
6 comments

Nina You ²**have / had** better take a book with you. Reading helps to kill time.

Kyle You ³**ought to / shouldn't** worry about food. There are great meals and lots of snacks during long-haul flights.

Ella Sitting for many hours can be unhealthy. You ⁴**must / mustn't** remember to get up and move a bit. Walk to the toilet or just stretch your legs.

Katie My main problem during the flight is clothes. Sometimes it's freezing on the plane and sometimes it's hot. You should ⁵**to wear / wear** layers, for example a T-shirt and a hoodie. You ⁶**had better not / had better** forget warm socks, either!

Charlie I love long flights! It's the time when I can relax without any distractions – no text messages, no social media, no emails. The flight attendants bring me food, I watch films or sleep. You ⁷**should / oughtn't to** try to think of your flight as a positive thing.

Isla You ⁸**mustn't / had better** drink plenty of water! The air on the plane is dry, so you need more water than normal.

3 In pairs. You're on a summer language course in Oxford. Student A – tell your partner about your problem. Student B – listen and give your partner advice. Use *should, shouldn't, ought to, had better, must* or *mustn't* and the phrases below or your own ideas. Swap roles after each problem.

ask for help
ask someone for directions
ask them to repeat
ask them to speak slowly
buy too many souvenirs
call or email them
go shopping and buy what you like
make new friends at school
talk to your host family
talk to the teacher
use a map
worry

I don't know anyone here!

You ought to make new friends at school.

Student A

I don't know anyone here!
I feel nervous when I have to speak in class.
I'm spending too much money.
I don't like the food.

Student B

I often get lost on my way to school.
I miss my family and friends.
The homework we get is too difficult.
I don't understand when someone asks me a question.