

1 Choose the correct options to complete the emails.

Hi Kamlai

I'm having a great holiday in Thailand. Your cousins are so friendly and great fun. Can you give me some advice, please? I've been invited to your uncle's house tomorrow for lunch. ¹_____ bring a present?

Anna

Hi Anna

Good to know that you're enjoying your holiday. Yes, my aunt and uncle are quite traditional, so you ²_____ bring a present with you. You ³_____ spend a lot of money – a small box of chocolates or some simple flowers are fine. You ⁴_____ take your shoes off when you go inside. My aunt and uncle never wear shoes in the house. And you ⁵_____ arrive on time! Being late is very rude!

We usually serve ourselves from big plates with different types of food on the table. You ⁶_____ choose any food that you don't like and you ⁷_____ eat everything on your plate – it's OK to leave some food, but you ⁸_____ leave any rice. That's because rice is very important in our culture.

I'm sure you'll have a wonderful time!

Kamlai

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| 1 A Am I supposed to | B Needn't I |
| 2 A ought to | B mustn't |
| 3 A must | B don't have to |
| 4 A should | B shouldn't |
| 5 A don't need to | B must |
| 6 A have to | B needn't |
| 7 A don't have to | B should |
| 8 A mustn't | B ought to |

3 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs.

Student A: You are the tourist information officer for a very unusual country. Explain its strange customs to Student B. Make some recommendations about things that Student B could do in your country.

Student B: You are a visitor to Student A's country. Ask for advice about how to behave there. Find out what kind of things you can do there.

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Hi Kamlai

Thanks for your email. I had a fantastic time at your aunt and uncle's house. Now I need some more advice. I want to spend a couple of days on the beach. I'm sure there ¹**must / could** be a good beach not too far from Bangkok.

Anna

Hi Anna

There are so many lovely beaches in Thailand! Hua Hin beach is very popular, and you ²**can't / 'll be able to** get a bus there from Sai Tai Mai Terminal in Bangkok. The journey ³**should / must** take about 3.5 hours. However, it ⁴**can't / can** get very busy at the weekend.

You ⁵**can't / could** visit Koh Lipe. That's my favourite beach! You ⁶**may / will be able to** like it because it's really peaceful and beautiful, but you ⁷**might / should** get a bit bored in the evenings. The other problem is that you ⁸**mustn't / can't** get there very quickly – it's 800 km from Bangkok.

Why don't you talk to my cousins? They ⁹**ll be able to / must** give you the best advice, because they live in Bangkok and they love swimming in the sea!

Have a fantastic time!

Kamlai

3B Modals: present and future

Aims: To review and practise present and future modal verbs.

Time: 10–15 minutes

Materials: 1 handout for each student

Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout and ask them to skim read the emails in exercise 1 quickly for gist. Then ask some general comprehension questions: *Where is Anna?* (In Thailand) *Who is she going to visit?* (Kamlai's aunt and uncle) Students choose the correct option to complete the emails.
- Check answers with the class.

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1 A 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 B 6 B 7 A 8 A

Exercise 2

- Ask students to read through the emails first and check that they understand they are to and from the same people as in exercise 1. Then give students a few minutes to complete the emails with the correct options.
- Check answers by asking different students to read out a completed sentence in turn.

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1 must 2 'll be able to 3 should 4 can 5 could
6 may 7 might 8 can't 9 'll be able to

Exercise 3

- Students work in pairs. Explain the situation and encourage them to think of very strange or funny customs for this imaginary country. You could brainstorm some suggestions and write them on the board first.
- Ask one or two confident pairs of students to perform their dialogues to the class.