

32.1 Complete the sentences using **needn't** + the following verbs:

ask come explain ~~leave~~ tell walk

- 1 We've got plenty of time. We needn't leave yet.
- 2 I can manage the shopping alone. You with me.
- 3 We all the way home. We can get a taxi.
- 4 Just help yourself if you'd like more to eat. You first.
- 5 We can keep this a secret between ourselves. We anybody else.
- 6 I understand the situation perfectly. You further.

32.2 Complete the sentences with **must**, **mustn't** or **needn't**.

- 1 We haven't got much time. We must hurry.
- 2 We've got plenty of time. We needn't hurry.
- 3 We have enough food at home, so we go shopping today.
- 4 Gary gave me a letter to post. I remember to post it.
- 5 Gary gave me a letter to post. I forget to post it.
- 6 There's plenty of time for you to make up your mind. You decide now.
- 7 You wash those tomatoes. They've already been washed.
- 8 This is a valuable book. You look after it carefully and you lose it.
- 9 A: What sort of house do you want to buy? Something big?
B: Well, it be big – that's not so important. But it have a nice garden – that's essential.

32.3 Read the situations and make sentences with **needn't have**.

- 1 Paul went out. He took an umbrella because he thought it was going to rain. But it didn't rain.
He needn't have taken an umbrella.
- 2 Linda bought some eggs when she went shopping. When she got home, she found that she already had plenty of eggs. She
- 3 A colleague got angry with you at work. He shouted at you, which you think was unnecessary. Later you say to him: You
- 4 Brian had money problems, so he sold his car. A few days later he won some money in a lottery. He
- 5 We took a camcorder with us on holiday, but we didn't use it in the end.
We
- 6 I thought I was going to miss my train, so I rushed to the station. But the train was late and in the end I had to wait twenty minutes.

32.4 Write two sentences for each situation. Use **needn't have** in the first sentence and **could have** in the second (as in the example). For **could have**, see Unit 27.

- 1 Why did you rush? Why didn't you take your time?
You needn't have rushed. You could have taken your time.
- 2 Why did you walk home? Why didn't you take a taxi?
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- 3 Why did you stay at a hotel? Why didn't you stay with us?
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- 4 Why did she phone me in the middle of the night? Why didn't she wait until the morning?
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- 5 Why did you leave without saying anything? Why didn't you say goodbye?
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