**Giving Advice**

**Conversation**

**Going Hitchhiking**

Andy: Hey, Mom. I’m thinking of hitchhiking around Europe this summer. What do you think?

Mom: Hitchhiking? That sounds dangerous! You shouldn’t go by yourself. You ought to go with a friend.

Andy: Yes, I’ve thought of that.

Mom: And you’d better talk to your father first.

Andy: I did already. He thinks it’s a great idea. He wants to come with me!

**Buying a Houseplant**

Saleswoman: Now this plant doesn’t like a lot of water. You shouldn’t water it more than once a week.

Margaret: I see. And what about sunlight?

Saleswoman: Well, it shouldn’t be put in direct sunlight. That will burn the leaves. But it’s best to keep it in a warm sunny room.

Margaret: And how often should I give it fertilizer?

Saleswoman: You need to give it some of this liquid fertilizer about once a month.

Margaret: Fine. Thanks very much.

**Buying a Record-Player**

Salesman: Now, you’ll need to change the needle about every six months. Make sure your needle is in good condition or you’ll damage the records.

Ray: I see. I’ll remember that.

Salesman: And one other thing. Make sure you don’t put anything on top of amplifier. It gets quite warm on top and you shouldn’t put anything over this part here.

Ray: I’ll be careful about that.

**A Sore Throat**

Mrs. Clark: How’s your throat this morning, Michael?

Michael: It’s still pretty bad. It’s very sore.

Mrs. Clark: You’d better take something for it then.

Michael: Well, I got something from the chemist, but it hasn’t done much good.

Mrs. Clark: Why don’t you see the doctor?

Michael: Yes, I think I will.

**Putting on weight**

Mr. Woods: I’m putting on weight. I really need exercise.

Mrs. Woods: Well, perhaps you ought to take up golf, or something like that.

Mr. Woods: I don’t really like golf. It’s such a boring sport.

Mrs. Woods: Yes, I think so too. Well, perhaps we should join the tennis club. Then we could both play.

Mr. Woods: Yes, that’s a good idea. I’ll pick up a couple of membership forms tomorrow.

**Ways to say it**

1. A You need to give it fertilizer every month.

ought to

must

Make sure you

It’s best to

B. I see.

All right.

2. A It should be kept in a warm sunny room.

It shouldn’t be put in direct sunlight.

B I see

OK

3. A Don’t put anything on top of the amplifier.

You shouldn’t

You mustn’t

You’d better not

Make sure you don’t

B No, I won’t.

All right.

4. A Why don’t you see the doctor?

Have you thought about seeing the doctor?

It would be a good idea to see the doctor.

B Yes, I will.

Yes, maybe I should

Yes, I suppose I should.

Oh, I don’t think it’s necessary.

5. A Perhaps you should lie down.

had better

ought to

B Yes, I guess I should.

Yes, I will.

Maybe.

6. A Perhaps you had better not go to work today.

oughtn’t to

B I guess not.

**Pair up and Practice**

*1. Practice this dialogue, choosing cues from the right.*

A: Oh, hello……You don’t look too well. What’s the matter?

B: Well, actually I’ve…….

A: That’s too bad.

Perhaps you should……..

you’d better………..

you ought to……..

B: I already have. But it hasn’t done much good.

A: Oh. Well, why don’t you…………?

B: Yes, I think I’d better.

*2. Practice this dialogue, choosing cues from the right.*

A: You know, I wish I could get more exercise. I’d like to get a little fitter and a lose a little weight.

B: So would I. well, why don’t we………..?

A: Yes, that’s a good idea. And we really should try to……….

B: Yes. And perhaps we shouldn’t………

oughtn’t to…….

A: Yes, I think you’re right.

*3. Student A has just arrived in your country. He/she wants to learn to speak your language. Practice this dialogue, choosing cues from the right.*

A: You know, I’d really like to be able to improve my ……….. (Thai, Japanese, etc.)

B: Really: Well, have you thought about …..ing…?

A: Yes, I must do that.

B: And perhaps it would be a good idea to …………?

A: Yes, I think so.

*4. Find the dialogue. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are going to visit friends in another city. They are going by car.*

Part A

1 Well, I think we’ve got everything we need for the weekend. I’ll put these things in the car.

3 Yes, I suppose I should.

Or

Yes, and perhaps we’d better turn off the electricity while we are away.

5 Yes, I think we ought to. We may decide to drive out to the beach while we are here.

Or

Yes, we’d better take lots of things to eat.

7 All right. Let’s go.

Or

Yes, I guess I should

Part B

2 I’d better not lock the doors and windows while we are away.

Or

All right. And I’d better check to see that all the windows are locked.

4 Yes, we’d better. Now do you think we should take our swimming things with us?

Or

No, that wouldn’t be a good place to look.

6 Good. Well, we’d better go now.

Or

Then perhaps we should take our umbrella.

*5. Student A will describe something he/she would like to be able to do. Student B will give advice. Use the form below.*

A: You know, I wish I could……… get to know more people

I’d love to be able to……… learn to swim.

play a team sport.

dance.

play a musical instrument.

B: Well, have you thought about ……-ing……….?

Why don’t you…………….?

Perhaps you should………

6. You and your partner and a group of friends are going to spend a few days in the countryside. You will sleep in simple cabins near a lake. You will have to take everything you need with you, including food. Discuss what you will need to take with you. Use phrases like those below. Make up a list of everything you will take. Then compare your list with your classmates.

A: Well, I think we ought to take……………..

should

had better

B: Yes, and we ……………

We’d better not forget………..

It would be a good idea to take……………

Grammar Practice: Modal for Necessity and Suggestions

***Describing necessity***

You have to get a visa.

You must take warm clothes.

You don’t have to get a passport.

***Giving suggestions.***

You’d better talk to your father.

You ought to go with a friend.

You should take a sleeping bag.

You shouldn’t go

**Should**

Study this example:

Tom has just come back from the cinema.

Ann: Hello , Tom. Did you enjoy the film?

Tom: Yes, it was great. You **should** go and see it.

*Tom is advising Ann to go and see the film. ‘You* ***should*** *go’ means that it would be a good thing to do. We often use* ***should (do)*** *when we say what we think is good thing to do or the right thing to do.*

* The government should do something about the economy.
* ‘Should we invite Sue to the party?’ ‘Yes, I think we should.’

‘You shouldn’t do something’ means that it is not a good thing to do:

* You’ve been coughing a lot recently. You shouldn’t smoke so much.
* Tom shouldn’t drive really. He is too tired.

**Should is not as strong as must:**

* You should stop smoking (=it would be a good idea.)
* You must stop smoking. (=it is necessary that you stop.)

We often use should when we ask for or give an opinion about something. Often we use I think / I don’t think / do you think?:

* I think the government should do something about the economy.
* I don’t think you should work hard.
* ‘Do you think I should do pay for this job?’ ‘Yes, I think you should.’

You can use ought to instead of should in the sentences in this unit:

* It’s really a good film. You ought to go and see it.
* Tom ought not to drive. He’s too tired.
* It was a great party. You ought to have come.

**Must and Have to**

We use must (do) and have to (do) to say that it is necessary to do something. Often it doesn’t matter which one you use.

* Oh dear, it’s later than I thought, I must go now.

have to

* You must have a passport to visit most foreign countries.

have to

there is sometimes a difference between must and have to. With must the speaker is giving his own feeling, saying what he thinks is necessary:

* I must write to Ann. I haven’t written to her for ages.

(=The speaker personally feels that he must write to Ann.)

* The government really must do something about unemployment.

(=the speaker personally feels that the government must do something.)

With have to the speaker is not giving his own feelings. He is just giving facts. For example:

* Ann’s eyes are not very good