Practice

1 Choose the best meaning, A or B.

0 The bus is late. You'd better take a taxi.

A Taxis are better than buses. (B) I think you should take a taxi.

1 We'd better not swim here.

A It's dangerous. B It's better than the other swimming pool.

2 You should have phoned your mother.

A You phoned her this morning. B You didn't phone her this morning.

3 The government should reduce taxes.

A I think taxes aren't high enough. B I think taxes are too high.

4 You ought to put on some suncream.

A We went to the beach yesterday. B We're going to the beach.

5 I really must look for a better job.

A I think this is important for my future. B My boss told me to do this.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the problem page and choose the correct words in *italics*. 3 3.36 Listen and check.

Lulu's Problem Page

I'm only 19 but I'm always tired and I haven't got any energy. I used to go to a gym but I'm a student so I spend most of my time sitting at my computer, and my diet is very bad. I know I (0) can't /shouldn't eat fast food but I hate cooking! What do you (1) advice / think I should do?

Lulu says Well, you are right, you (2) shouldn't / had better eat fast food; it's very unhealthy! If you want to have more energy you (3) should have / ought to eat lots of fruit and vegetables. You (4) mustn't / shouldn't have stopped going to the gym! If you are more active, you'll feel better.

Andy I work in a factory and in the evenings I stay at home and watch TV. Sometimes I go to the cinema. Last year I joined an evening class on photography but I only went for a few weeks. Perhaps I (5) should have I had better kept going to it, but it wasn't very interesting. What can I do to make my life less boring?

Lulu says 1 (6) think you shouldn't / don't think you should stay at home all the time – you'll never make new friends if you do that! And you (7) ought not to / don't ought to go to an evening class if you aren't interested in it. Instead, you (8) should / ought to have join a club with people who are interested in the same things as you. I know you like the cinema. Why don't you join a film club?

Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word in brackets. Use two to five words in your answer. 33.37 Listen and check.

O It's a pity you didn't tell me about the party. (told) You should have told me about the party.

1 Don't touch the top of the oven, it's still very hot. (better)

You _____ the top of the oven, it's too hot.

2 I wish I hadn't ordered the soup; it tasted awful. (have)

I the soup, it was terrible!

3 You should ask Jack, he always gives good advice. (to)

You _____ Jack, he always gives good advice.

4 I really think you should listen to this CD, it's fantastic! (must)

You this CD, it's fantastic!