

6 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A I wonder how the thief got into our apartment.
 B He ¹ _____ (could/use) the fire escape or he ² _____ (might/climb) that tree.
 A Well, he ³ _____ (need not/bother). There wasn't anything worth stealing!
- 2 A Bill told me that he'd spent £2,000 on a birthday present for his girlfriend, but he
⁴ _____ (must/joke). Surely he
⁵ _____ (could not/spend) that much?
 B I think you ⁶ _____ (might/mishear) him!
- 3 A It's 3.30. Mum and Dad's plane landed over an hour ago. They ⁷ _____ (should/phone) by now!
 B But they ⁸ _____ (may/be delayed). No, look! They're driving up now. You
⁹ _____ (need not/worry).
- 4 A You're very sunburnt. You
¹⁰ _____ (would not/get) burnt if you'd used factor 30 sunscreen.
 B I ¹¹ _____ (must/fall) asleep. And
 I ¹² _____ (can't/put on) enough cream. Ouch!

10.3 Listen and check.

Past modals in context

7 Rhianna Shaw is a keen skier. Read her story quickly and answer the questions.

- 1 What was she doing in Austria?

- 2 What did she do on her day off?

- 3 Why was the area called Death Valley?

- 4 Why was Rhianna very lucky?

8 Complete the article, using the modals and verbs in brackets in the past.

Buried Alive!



“If you're searching for someone buried in an avalanche, you have about 11 minutes. After that, you're looking for a corpse.”

That's what **Rhianna Shaw** was told during her training as a ski holiday representative in Ischgl, Austria. She ¹ could never have imagined (could never/imagine) how important it would become for her.

On 16th February, Rhianna woke up on her day off. She'd been wondering what to do – the weather had been terrible and no one could ski. She ² _____ (need not/worry); the weather had changed, and skiing conditions ³ _____ (could not/be) better – clear blue sky and half a metre of fresh snow. She joined some snowboarding friends and Rhianna suggested going off-piste, to an area where she knew lots of fresh powder snow ⁴ _____ (would/fall). It was nicknamed Death Valley because of the avalanche risk, but as an experienced skier in all conditions, Rhianna wasn't concerned. She now knows she ⁵ _____ (should/be).