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Supply *needn't have* or *didn't have to* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I *needn't have phoned* the plumber. I learnt later that John had already phoned him. (phone)
- 2 I ..... the plumber. I knew John had already phoned him. (phone)
- 3 You ..... your umbrella after all. It hasn't rained. (bring)
- 4 The forecast was for fine weather so I knew I ..... my umbrella. (bring)
- 5 I ..... these clothes. I didn't know they had already been washed. (wash)
- 6 I ..... a meal last night because we went out and the food I prepared was uneaten. (cook)

e forms of the past, *used to*, *will* or *would*. Alternatives are possible.

### WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!

The thing I remember most about my childhood was my visits to my aunt Charlotte in her lovely country house. She (*be*) <sup>1</sup>..... *was*..... a remarkable woman by any standards. She (*be*) <sup>2</sup>..... really skilled at water-divining and she (*find*) <sup>3</sup>..... water on the most unpromising bits of land. The farmers (*love*) <sup>4</sup>..... her, especially as she (*never accept*) <sup>5</sup>..... money for water-divining. 'Water (*always find*) <sup>6</sup>..... its own level,' she (*say*) <sup>7</sup>..... 'and I know exactly where that level is. Water-divining is a gift from God and you don't accept payment for that.' She had a gift for noticing changes in the weather, too. 'It's going to rain soon,' she (*say*) <sup>8</sup>....., 'I can feel it in my bones,' and she (*always be*) <sup>9</sup>..... right! In her later years, she developed a bad back and (*often visit*) <sup>10</sup>..... her osteopath. She (*never tire*) <sup>11</sup>..... of telling us that her osteopath (*say*) <sup>12</sup>....., as he massaged her painful back, 'It's going to rain, Charlotte. I can feel it in your bones!'

Supply *dare*, *daren't*, *dare not have (done)*, *didn't dare (do)*, etc.

- 1 I ..... *daren't*..... tell them I've just broken their favourite vase.
- 2 I ..... tell them I had broken their favourite vase.
- 3 I hardly ..... mention this, but you still haven't paid for those tickets.
- 4 ..... we ask for more money after what he has just said?
- 5 I knew I was right, but I ..... say so at the time.
- 6 I'm going to tell your mother what you've just said! – Just you .....
- 7 She'd like to wear more unconventional clothes, but she .....
- 8 We didn't like the meal they gave us, but we ..... said so. It would have been rude.
- 9 They offered me something strange to eat which I ..... refuse.

Combine the correct forms of *dare* and *need* with the verbs in brackets.

### UNWELCOME FRESH AIR!

It was a routine flight from Hilo on Hawaii to Kahului 110 miles away. Suddenly, there was a tremendous noise and the top of the plane was torn away! Ninety-four passengers (*not move*) <sup>1</sup>..... *dared not move*, wondering what would happen next. They (*not worry*) <sup>2</sup>..... because Robert Schornsteimer, the pilot, was firmly in control. For 25 minutes they hardly (*breathe*) <sup>3</sup>....., though there was plenty of unwelcome fresh air! 'I (*not open*) <sup>4</sup>..... my mouth,' one of the passengers said later. 'I hardly (*tell*) <sup>5</sup>..... you how terrified I was.' The passengers embraced the pilot who had brought the plane down safely. 'I've heard of a plane flying off a roof,' joked one of them later, 'but never of a roof flying off a plane!'

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**4 Choose the sentence A or B that is closest in meaning to the sentence given.**

a) It's possible that we'll know the answers tomorrow. ...A.,...

A We may know the answers tomorrow.

B We should know the answers tomorrow.

b) I don't think you should ring him now. It's rather late

A You might not ring him now. It's rather late.

B You'd better not ring him now. It's rather late.

c) You needn't come if you don't want to

A You won't come if you don't want to.

B You don't have to come if you don't want to.

d) I think it's wrong for you to work so hard

A You don't have to work so hard.

B You shouldn't work so hard.

e) Perhaps these are the keys

A These might be the keys.

B These must be the keys.

f) It would be wrong for us to lock the cat in the house for a week

A We'd better not lock the cat in the house for a week.

B We can't lock the cat in the house for a week,

g) It's possible that the decision will be announced next week

A The decision might be announced next week.

B The decision will be announced next week,

h) Although I try hard, I can never solve The Times' crossword

A Try as I may, I can never solve 'The Times' crossword.

B Try as I can, I may never solve 'The Times' crossword.

i) I know. Why don't we go out to eat instead?

A I know. We must go out to eat instead.

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