

Read these sentences and write C (= Certain) or P (= Possible) against each one.

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| 1 My boss is away on holiday. <u>C</u> | 8 He could be swimming right now. ___ |
| 2 His wife may be with him. ___ | 9 He'll come back in a good mood. ___ |
| 3 She will be back next week. ___ | 10 He might leave this evening. ___ |
| 4 He could reply by the weekend. ___ | 11 They've been staying at a big hotel. ___ |
| 5 He wasn't here last week. ___ | 12 They may have been dancing all night. ___ |
| 6 She might have been to Paris. ___ | 13 He borrowed my ladder. ___ |
| 7 She's returned from Paris. ___ | 14 He could have borrowed my ladder. ___ |

Write: Put in suitable forms which express uncertainty or possibility.



OLDER AND WISER?

We make decisions all the time, but we ¹.....*can*..... never be certain whether we are right or wrong. The work you choose to do ²..... be suitable for you or it ³..... not. The person you marry ⁴..... be a perfect match or ⁵..... be the worst possible choice. Suppose you have saved money for the future. You ⁶..... invest it wisely so that it grows in value or you ⁷..... lose the lot in a foolish moment. You think you have a healthy diet, but the food you eat ⁸..... actually be very bad for you and ⁹..... be the cause of terrible illness. Perhaps you travel a lot by plane. All the flights you make are routine, but one of them ¹⁰..... be your last. Decisions! Decisions! But we don't learn from experience. Experience is the quality that allows us to go on making the same mistakes with more confidence!

Read these sentences and write C (= Certainty) or D (= Deduction) against each one.

- 1 John Wright is a man of action. C
- 2 He was in the Galapagos ten years ago. ___
- 3 Now he lives in an enormous house. ___
- 4 He is writing a book. ___
- 5 He has been writing this book since he came back from the Galapagos. ___
- 6 He must be writing about his travels. ___
- 7 He must have seen the giant tortoises and the iguanas on the Galapagos. ___
- 8 He can't have seen any elephants on the Galapagos. ___
- 9 He can't have been working very hard on his book. ___
- 10 He must have taken a lot of photos while he was on the islands. ___
- 11 He must have done a lot of research for his book. ___
- 12 He must enjoy life. ___

a Supply *must be*, *can't be*, or *mustn't be*.

b Write D (= Deduction) or O (= Obligation) beside each sentence.

- 1 The meeting is at 10 o'clock sharp and you *mustn't be* late. O
- 2 You at the station ten minutes before the departure of the train. ___
- 3 The children tired already! We've only been walking for ten minutes. ___
- 4 The children thirsty. They haven't had a drink for hours. ___
- 5 Did you hear that? It someone walking about in our garden. ___
- 6 I don't recognize the handwriting on this envelope. It from anyone we know. ___
- 7 Your handwriting clear, otherwise no one will be able to read it. ___
- 8 You a nuisance when you're a guest in someone's house. ___
- 9 Don't panic! We late for the train. It doesn't leave till 10.05. ___
- 10 We late for the train or we'll miss our connection. ___

Supply *must have been*, *can't/couldn't have been*, *have to/had to (be)*, *didn't have to (be)*.

- 1 He knows a lot about flying planes. He *must have been* a pilot when he was young.
- 2 Vera at the supermarket this morning. I didn't see her there.
- 3 John at the bank till 10, so he only arrived here five minutes ago.
- 4 When (she) at the hospital? – Early this morning.
- 5 We had enough foreign currency left at the end of the holiday, so I buy any more.
- 6 Monica knew exactly what to do. I tell her twice.
- 7 There are so many nice things for tea, I think you expecting us.
- 8 There an accident on South Street because the road is closed off.
- 9 You waiting long. After all, I'm only five minutes late.
- 10 When I was a boy we sitting at our desks working before the boss got in.
- 11 I left a message on your answer phone last night. You out.
- 12 The fire alarm went and we out of the building in two minutes.

Write: Put in *must be/must have been*, *can't be/can't have been*, *had to be* or *didn't have to be*.



THE MYSTERY OF THE TALKING SHOE

Tracy Evans *didn't have to be* at work till ten, so she ignored her alarm clock. But she woke up with a start when she heard a strange sound coming from her wardrobe! What was it? It ²..... a mouse, Tracy thought. No, it ³..... She knew there were no mice in her room. I ⁴..... careful, Tracy said to herself as she opened the wardrobe. There, in front of her, was the lovely pair of wedge-shaped sandals she had bought the day before. Then she heard the sound again! 'It ⁵..... coming from my sandals!' she cried. She picked them up and, sure enough, one of them was 'talking'! Tracy ⁶..... at work at ten, but she still had enough time to visit Mr Lucas, her shoemaker. He removed the wooden heel and they were both amazed to see a white larva eating the wood. Mr Pope, of the Natural History Museum, solved the mystery. 'These shoes ⁷..... (*import*) from Brazil. An insect ⁸..... (*lay*) its eggs in the tree from which the shoes were made,' he explained.