

## 7A GRAMMAR past modals

- a** Read the conversations and the sentences in brackets. Then complete the conversations with *might* (not) *have*, *must have*, or *can't have* + past participle.

- 1 **A** Why is there so much traffic today?  
**B** I don't know. There might have been an accident. (maybe there was)
- 2 **A** Can you move your leg?  
**B** No, it hurts too much. I think I \_\_\_\_\_ it. (perhaps I have broken it)
- 3 **A** Look! The gate's open and the dog has gone.  
**B** Oh no! We \_\_\_\_\_ it open when we went out. (I'm sure we left it open)
- 4 **A** Oh no, the cake's burning!  
**B** You \_\_\_\_\_ the oven on too high. (you definitely put the oven on)
- 5 **A** I can't find the milk. We \_\_\_\_\_ it all. (I'm sure we didn't drink it)  
**B** Yes, you're right. It must be in there somewhere.
- 6 **A** Where's Jeremy? He should be here.  
**B** He \_\_\_\_\_ the email about the meeting. (perhaps he didn't see)
- 7 **A** Ellen passed all her exams with top marks!  
**B** Wow! She \_\_\_\_\_ really hard. (I'm sure she worked)
- 8 **A** I've done my homework, Mum. I'm going out.  
**B** What? You \_\_\_\_\_ all of it. Let me see it. (it's impossible you've finished)
- 9 **A** We didn't see Dan and Sarah at the concert.  
**B** They \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. I think the concert was sold out. (perhaps they weren't able to get)
- 10 **A** I called you earlier, but I got your voicemail.  
**B** Sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ my phone by mistake. (I'm sure I switched off)



- b** Complete the sentences with *should* / *shouldn't have* and the past participle of a verb from the list.

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- 1 We're lost. I knew we should have taken the second exit at the roundabout!
- 2 This tastes too spicy. You \_\_\_\_\_ so much chilli.
- 3 You \_\_\_\_\_ with James. He was perfect for you.
- 4 The concert was amazing. You \_\_\_\_\_ with us.
- 5 Jim's already gone? I don't believe it – he \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- 6 I'm afraid we can't exchange the jacket now. You \_\_\_\_\_ the receipt.
- 7 You \_\_\_\_\_ us that you were in hospital. We would have visited you.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ these jeans. They really don't suit me.

### ACTIVATION

Write **four** conversations of two lines using *must have*, *might have*, *can't have*, and *should(n't) have*.