

PAST MODALS OF DEDUCTION

I: Choose the correct MODAL VERB in the mini conversations:

- a. Do you know where my smartphone is?
- b. Yes, it is in the bathroom. You **must**/couldn't have left it there this morning.

- a. I'm finished.
- b. You couldn't /might be finished already!

- a. Did I tell you about my friend Roger?
- b. I think you can't /might have told me, but I forgotten. Tell me again.

- a. I can't stop thinking about where he might be.
- b. Yes, anything could /must have happened to him

- a. My ex-boyfriend starred in a movie once.
- b. Really? With looks like his, it may /must have been planet of the Apes.

- a. I'm sorry, but I think I couldn't /may have been a little impolite to you yesterday.
- b. Impolite? I thought you were really rude, actually.

II. Choose the correct option:

- 1. She _____ misunderstood my directions. Why is she late?
a. Can't have b. must have

- 2. He _____ gone to the beach. He hates being in the sun.
a. May have b. can't have

- 3. I _____ written down the number incorrectly. I just called a hospital not the restaurant.
a. Must have b. might have

- 4. They _____ been at the cafe but I didn't see them.
a. Must have b. could have

- 5. John _____ been very happy when he found out he was going to a father. He has wanted this for a long time.
a. Must have b. may have