

PAST MODALS TO SPECULATE

A.- Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences. (5m)

- 1 It might/can't be hot at the beach, so take some suntan lotion.
- 2 You've got a lot of crime books – you must/could like detective fiction.
- 3 Don't buy a book for Tara's birthday. She can/might already have it. Get her some flowers instead.
- 4 That can't/must be the new student. I haven't seen him before.
- 5 The teacher mustn't/can't have the results already. We only took the test this morning.

B.- Complete the sentences with *must have*, *can't have*, *might have* and the correct form of the verbs given. (5m)

- 1 Paul (make) this cake! He doesn't know anything about baking!
- 2 Jamie
(go shopping) because he said he needed some new trainers, but I'm not sure.
- 3 Ralph (repair) the computer already.
He's only been here for five minutes.
- 4 We (miss) the turning. This is the wrong road.
- 5 You (hear) about the accident. It was in all the newspapers.

C.- Circle the correct alternative. (5m)

- 1 DNA evidence shows that he can't/can be guilty.
- 2 William must/might be a prince because his grandmother is a queen.
- 3 He might/mustn't be a descendant of King Edward but nobody really knows.
- 4 The history book on the table can't/must be yours because I've got mine.
- 5 This can't/must be Swiss chocolate – look, there's a Swiss flag on it.



D.- What do you think has happened? Give reason using past modal verbs and the prompts. (5m)

- 1** My TV has gone! (somebody steal) *I'm sure.*
Somebody must have stolen the TV.
- 2** The boy's parents are late for the meeting. (get stuck / traffic) *I think*
They
- 3** My brother arrived at midnight. He hadn't eaten all day. (very hungry) *I'm sure*
He
- 4** There was a tree on my car this morning. (blow over in the storm) *I'm sure*
It
- 5** I could hear a very strange noise in the garden last night. (the wind) *I think*
It