

Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- a) That **can't have been/shouldn't have been** Nick that you saw.
- b) You **must have given/might have given** me a hand!
- c) I caught a later train because **I had to see/must have seen** a client.
- d) I suppose Bill **should have lost/might have lost** his way.
- e) I didn't refuse the cake, as it **should have been/would have been** rude.
- f) I don't know who rang, but it **could have been/must have been** Jim.
- g) It was odd that you **should have bought/would have bought** the same car.
- h) I asked them to leave but they **might not/wouldn't go**.
- i) It's a pity you didn't ask because I **can't help/could have helped** you.
- j) It's your own fault, you **can't have/shouldn't have gone** to bed so late.

Complete each sentence using one of the phrases from the box.

can't have	must have	shouldn't have	may not have
may have	shouldn't have	can't have	ought to have
didn't need to	shouldn't have		

- a) You and your big mouth! It was supposed to be a secret. You _____ told her!
- b) The plane is late. It _____ landed by now.
- c) You _____ met my brother. I haven't got one!
- d) There is only one explanation. You _____ left your keys on the bus.
- e) You _____ heard me right. I definitely said 204525.

- f) The meat is a bit burnt. You _____ cooked it for so long.
- g) I'm sorry. I accept I _____ been a little bit rude.
- h) You really _____ taken so much trouble over me.
- i) Was it really necessary? You _____ tell the police, you know.
- j) Keep your fingers crossed! The traffic _____ warden noticed the car's parking ticket has run out.

Complete each sentence by writing one word in each space. Contractions (can't) count as one word.

- a) I _____ have become a millionaire, but I decided not to.
- b) You _____ have been here when Helen told the boss not to be so lazy! It was great!
- c) Peter wasn't here then, so he _____ have broken your vase.
- d) I _____ have bought that car, but I decided to look at a few others.
- e) If you felt lonely, you _____ have given me a ring.
- f) Don't take a risk like that again! We _____ have lost because of you.
- g) It's been more than a week! You _____ have had some news by now!
- h) We were glad to help. We _____ have just stood by and done nothing.
- i) You really _____ have gone to so much trouble!
- j) I _____ have thought that it was rather difficult.

Choose the most suitable adverb for each space.

- a) Someone **obviously/currently/fortunately** must have picked it up by mistake.
- b) He could **really/cheerfully/easily** have stolen the painting without anyone knowing.
- c) I may **surely/well/dearly** have made a mistake.
- d) You **really/clearly/needlessly** shouldn't have spent so much on my present.
- e) Bill **rarely/simply/certainly** wouldn't listen to anything we said.
- f) I couldn't **just/yet/already** have left without saying a word.
- g) **Certainly/Rarely/Surely** you can't seriously believe that I am guilty!
- h) I opened the window, I **greatly/surely/simply** had to get some fresh air.
- i) I **still/unfortunately/surely** couldn't have come to your party,
- j) How dangerous! You could **still/strongly/well** have been injured!

Complete each space in the text with an appropriate modal verb. Some are negative.

Dear Suzy,

Thanks for sending back the book I lent you. You (1)_____ read

it already! You must be the world's fastest reader! Hope you enjoyed it.

Well, the big news is, I decided not to go to Italy to take up my job offer.

Basically, moving there (2)_____ meant a lot of upheaval

and frankly I couldn't face the hassle. Maybe I (3)_____

just gone, and been a bit more adventurous, and for sure, I've got mixed

feelings about it, as if part of me wanted to go. Who knows, I (4)_____ met the man

of my dreams! But I didn't take the decision lightly. I (5)_____

spent several weeks thinking about nothing else. Anyway, what's done is done.

My other news concerns my Dad. You remember I was getting very worried

because he'd been having dizzy spells and feeling all light-headed. Well, I (6) _____
worried - he's been diagnosed as suffering from low blood pressure, so he's on medication for
that. The doctor said it's possible that his vegetarian diet (7) _____ set it off. It's a
pity you weren't here! You (8) _____ been able to help Dad, with
your interest in holistic medicine. You (9) _____ given him some of your
aromatherapy treatments.

Anyway, hope to see you again before too long. By the way, guess who's getting
married in June? Brenda! I (10) _____ known it would be her! It's typical; that
girl has all the luck!

Bye!

Love from, Sue