

Past Modal Verbs - Workbook

1) Match sentences 1–6 with explanations a–f.

- 1 It's impossible that she stole it.
- 2 Perhaps somebody stole it.
- 3 I'm sure she was at the party.
- 4 It's possible that she was at the party.
- 5 Perhaps somebody took it.
- 6 It's impossible that she took it.

- a Somebody could have taken it.
- b She could have been at the party.
- c She can't have stolen it.
- d She can't have taken it.
- e Somebody might have stolen it.
- f She must have been at the party.

2) Complete the sentences with the correct modal verbs.

- 1 Tom _____ have broken the vase. He didn't even enter the living room.
- 2 Ted is not answering the phone. He _____ have gone out without his mobile.
- 3 You'd better see the doctor. That spider _____ have been dangerous.
- 4 The computer _____ have been hacked – it wasn't connected to the Internet at all.
- 5 Why did you climb that tree? You _____ have fallen from it.
- 6 You look tired. The journey _____ have been exhausting.
- 7 It is a pity you didn't come. We _____ have had a good time.

3) Write past deductions (with *can't have* or *must have*) about the situations below, using the words in brackets.

- 1 He didn't come to the meeting in the morning.
(he / oversleep) He must have overslept.
- 2 Rita walked past me in the street without saying hello. (she / see / me)

3 The computer you've bought is really good.
(it / very / expensive)

4 The lights were red, but the car didn't stop.
(the driver / see / the red light)

5 Julia got an excellent mark in the maths test for the first time.
(she / study / hard)

6 Don passed the exam, but he hadn't revised for it.
(the exam / very difficult)

7 The politician didn't respond to our invitation.
(he / be / very busy)

4) Put the words below into appropriate places in the dialogue.

could have (x2) must might

Matthew Oh, no! I have red spots all over my face! That kid who sat next to me and coughed at the game ¹_____ have been really sick! And now so am I!

Lucy You're exaggerating! He can't ²_____ been really sick. He kicked some serious ball later on.

Matthew So what? I don't feel weak, I've just got this horrible rash.

Lucy Calm down. Most times a rash is not caused by a serious sickness. You ³_____ have eaten something. Are you sure you aren't allergic to something?

Matthew Well, I ⁵_____ have eaten something strange I'd never had before at that Indian place last night. It was my first time eating Indian food. But it can't ⁶_____ caused these problems, right?

Lucy Of course it could! You'd better go to the nurse.

6) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use *must have* or *had to*.

1 We _____ (*plan*) my diet carefully when I started training hard to avoid health problems.

2 You _____ (*be*) crazy to do such a dangerous thing.

- 3 They _____ (*get*) married – look at that ring she’s wearing!
- 4 Amanda looks very sad – she _____ (*fail*) her biology test.
- 5 I _____ (*hand*) in my project yesterday. It was the deadline for everybody.
- 6 Because I’m on a special diet, I _____ (*notify*) the restaurant about it when booking our dinner.

7> Translate the Polish parts of the sentences into English.

- 1 Tom _____ (*być może mówił mi*) about his birthday party, but I’ve forgotten all about it.
- 2 If only grandpa _____ (*nie opowiadał moim znajomym*) silly stories about my childhood.
- 3 I’d rather _____ (*żebyś nie mówił mamie*) that I ate all this junk food.
- 4 _____ (*Policja nie mogła aresztować*) the right people because similar crimes have been committed again.
- 5 Isn’t that Sally’s bag? She _____ (*musiała zostawić ją*) here last night by accident.
- 6 Tom _____ (*musiał zostawić his car*) at the mechanic’s for a week – something with the engine.
- 7 _____ (*Gdybym była*) more fit, I could run a marathon.
- 8 It’s time _____ (*żebyś zaczął*) doing some sports.
- 9 I wish _____ (*żeby moi rodzice nie pracowali*) so much.
- 10 _____ (*Nie musiałbyś chodzić*) to the dentist so often if you brushed your teeth more regularly.