**1 Match speakers 1–9 with replies a–i. Then choose the correct alternatives in each reply.**

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| 1 | My teammate walked right past me without even saying hello. | a | It *must/ can't* have been easy with all the pressure. |
| 2 | We went to the football final. We had seats in the front row. | b | Really? You *can't/ might* have been the very worst. |
| 3 | I couldn't believe someone from my small town could win a gold medal. | c | Well, it *must/ might* have been nice to be invited anyway. |
| 4 | We all went to watch the big match, but she played much worse than usual. | d | You *must/ can't* have had a great view. |
| 5 | I was surfing and, suddenly, there was this huge shark coming towards me. | e | He *can't/ might* not have seen you. |
| 6 | We only got tickets for the rugby at the last minute, so I didn't think you'd be available. | f | I'm sure that training abroad *might/ must* have helped. |
| 7 | I fell over playing tennis and cut my knee open on a stone. | g | Ouch, that *must/ might* have hurt! |
| 8 | I think I was the worst runner at my school. | h | She *must/ might* have been driving. Why don't you try again later? |
| 9 | I called my swimming coach, but there was no answer. | i | You *might/ must* have been so scared! |

**2 Work in pairs. What other ways could you respond to the situations using past modals of deduction?**

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