

	Positive sentences	Negative sentences
100% impossible	–	can't have done couldn't have done
90% sure	must have done	must not have done
50% sure	may/might/could have done	may/might not have done

Choose the modal that gives the sentence the same meaning.

- The ground is wet, and there are puddles everywhere. **Most likely it rained** heavily last night.
The ground is wet, and there are puddles everywhere. It _____ heavily last night.
- The dog is still hungry. **Most likely you haven't fed** him yet.
The dog is still hungry. You _____ him yet.
- It's impossible that he finished** the marathon in under two hours — he's not that fast.
He _____ the marathon in under two hours — he's not that fast.
- The traffic was bad, so **maybe they got** stuck on the highway.
The traffic was bad, so they _____ stuck on the highway.
- Maybe I didn't lock** the front door — I should go back and check.
I _____ the front door — I should go back and check.
- Emma isn't here yet. **Maybe she missed** the bus.
Emma isn't here yet. She _____ the bus.
- Maybe I left** my phone at the café — I should call them and check.
I _____ my phone at the café — I should call them and check.
- Maybe I didn't send** the email — I'll check my drafts.
I _____ the email — I'll check my drafts.
- Maybe he didn't recognize** me with my new haircut.
He _____ me with my new haircut.
- It's impossible that I forgot** my wallet at home — I paid for coffee this morning!
I _____ my wallet at home — I paid for coffee this morning!
- Maybe he misunderstood** your message — that's why he didn't show up.
He _____ your message — that's why he didn't show up.
- Maybe she hasn't had** time to reply to your email yet.
She _____ time to reply to your email yet.

13. **Maybe the thief escaped** through the back door while the police were searching the front yard.
The thief _____ through the back door while the police were searching the front yard.
14. Sarah looks exhausted this morning. **Most likely she stayed** up all night studying for the exam.
Sarah looks exhausted this morning. She _____ up all night studying for the exam.
15. There's no milk left in the fridge. **Most likely Jake drank** the last of it.
There's no milk left in the fridge. Jake _____ the last of it.
16. There's no way he finished the book in one day. **Most likely he didn't read** it properly.
There's no way he finished the book in one day. He _____ it properly.
17. **Maybe we didn't take** the best route — this one seems longer.
We _____ the best route — this one seems longer.
18. He had no reaction to the joke. **Most likely he didn't understand** it.
He had no reaction to the joke. He _____ it.
19. The cake is half-eaten, and there are crumbs all over the counter. **Most likely the kids got** to it before dinner.
The cake is half-eaten, and there are crumbs all over the counter. The kids _____ to it before dinner.
20. Tom looks confused. **Most likely he didn't understand** the instructions.
Tom looks confused. He _____ the instructions.
21. **It's impossible that they forgot** our anniversary — we talked about it just yesterday.
They _____ our anniversary — we talked about it just yesterday.
22. He answered immediately. **Most likely he didn't think** much about his response.
He answered immediately. He _____ much about his response.
23. His French is perfect! **Most likely he lived** in France for a long time.
His French is perfect! He _____ in France for a long time.
24. **It's impossible that you met** my brother yesterday — he's been abroad for weeks.
You _____ my brother yesterday — he's been abroad for weeks.
25. **It's impossible that I left** my bag on the train — I had it when I got off.
I _____ my bag on the train — I had it when I got off.