UNIT 34 – WORKSHEET 2

Modals Verbs in the Past

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She **must have** gone out	- *There is strong evidence.*
I **might have** made a mistake	- *There is a possibility that I made a mistake.*
He **can't have** been there.	- *It's impossible.*
You **should have** apologized	- *A criticism*
You **shouldn't have** said that.	- *A criticism*

A. Fill the gaps with **must have**, **might have** or **can't have**:

1- She .....studied really hard. She passed all her exams with excellent grades.



2- You ..... shouted at him. He'll never forgive you.

3- He ..... arrived by now. It's only a 20-minute journey.

4 The concert was fantastic. You really ..... come.

5 The boss is in a terrible mood. The meeting ..... been good.

6 Sarah ..... been so happy when she found out she was being promoted.

7 I had to wait 45 minutes for a bus yesterday. There ..... been an accident or maybe a strike. 8 He ..... bought a new car. He doesn't have any money.

9 Andrew did no revision for the exam but he's passed. I think he .....cheated.

10 I left my bicycle in front of the library and it's disappeared. Someone ..... stolen it.

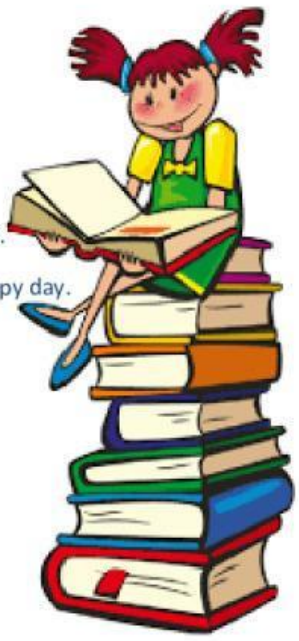
11 Clara was very upset with you yesterday. You ..... apologized for saying she was lazy.

12 John has forgotten about the meeting. We ..... reminded him about it yesterday.

13 I'm sorry but Samantha isn't here. She ..... already left the office.

14 You ..... tried to fix the roof yourself. You might have fallen off and been badly injured.

15 He ..... known it was your birthday. Otherwise, I'm sure he would have wished you a happy day.



B. **Now write some examples from your own.**

you can do it!

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

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C. Choose the correct answer.

1. She (*could walk / could have walked*) before she was a year old.

2. The party was supposed to be a secret. You (*shouldn't say / shouldn't have said*) anything.

3. I'm not sure, but I (*might leave / might have left*) early tonight.

4. I'm not afraid to go alone. You (*needn't have come / needn't come*) with me.

5. It's late. You (*must be / must have been*) very tired.

6. You (*ought to introduce / ought to have introduced*) me to your friends. I didn't know anyone's name



D. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use a modal perfect.

1. Nobody told her anything about the argument. She ..... (***know***) about it.

2. We arrived too early. We ..... (be) in such a hurry.

3. She ..... (***leave***) the office because her coat and bag aren't here.

4. I ..... (***drive***) to work, but the weather was so nice that I decided to walk.

5. It's possible that I ..... (***forget***) to tell Joe about the meeting.

6. You ..... (***call***) her on her birthday. She never forgets to call you.

E. Rewrite each sentence using a modal or modal perfect. There may be more than one answer.

1. It isn't necessary for them to finish the job tonight.

They .....

2. It's possible that I took your jacket by mistake.

I .....

3. That man knows how to speak four languages.

That man .....

4. I didn't wear a sunhat, and now my head hurts. My head hurts.

I .....

5. It rained last night so the grass is wet.

It ..... . The grass is wet.

6. The man you saw wasn't Jack. He's been abroad since the summer.
You .....





F. Insert the right/most appropriate modal verb.

1) A: I have a bad headache. B: You ..... take an aspirin (***advice***).

2) I'm not able to speak German but I ..... understand it.

3) You never know what will happen in the future. You..... win the lottery.

4) Women and children ..... work in factories and mines in Europe during the Industrial Revolution.

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