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Modals in the past

1 Complete the sentences with the phrases below.

can't have could have might not have must have should have shouldn't have

- 1 I _____ used my satnav. This map is really old and now I'm completely lost.
- 2 Oh look, that's Jon's phone on the desk. He _____ forgotten it.
- 3 My computer isn't working. I'm not sure why, but I _____ downloaded some malware when I clicked on that link.
- 4 He _____ sent this text message. He hasn't got a phone.
- 5 I _____ tried to update my phone software. I did it last night and now my phone doesn't work at all.
- 6 You _____ deleted that document. Perhaps you saved it to a different folder.

2 Complete the text with the correct past modal form of the verbs in brackets.

Kim My laptop is missing! It's got all my homework on it!

Steve OK, don't panic. When did you last have it?

Kim Well, it was in my bag when I was on the train yesterday afternoon. But when I got off the train, it wasn't there.

Steve Someone on the train ¹ _____ (must / steal) it! Who was sitting next to you?

Kim An elderly lady. But she ² _____ (can't / take) the laptop. She got off the train with me, and she didn't have any luggage.

Steve It ³ _____ (might / fall) out of your bag. Was the bag closed?

Kim No, it wasn't.

Steve Well, that's not good. You ⁴ _____ (shouldn't / leave) your bag open.

Kim Yes, well, I know that now.

Steve Have you called the train company? They ⁵ _____ (could / find) it.

Kim No, I haven't called them yet.

Steve Well, you ⁶ _____ (should / call) them first of all!

Kim Actually, I've just remembered something. I ⁷ _____ (might / not / lose) my laptop. In fact, I ⁸ _____ (may / forget) to put it in my bag before I got onto the train.

Steve So where is it?

Kim Well, I ⁹ _____ (must / leave) it at my aunt's house. That's where I was yesterday morning.

Steve Mystery solved!