

Grammar unit 8

I) MODAL VERBS OF SPECULATION AND DEDUCTION - PRESENT

STRONG BELIEF	POSSIBLE BUT NOT SURE	BELIEF THAT SOMETHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
MUST + INFINITIVE	COULD/ MAY/ MIGHT + INFINITIVE	CAN'T + INFINITIVE
<i>It's been a 8 hour journey. She must be exhausted.</i>	<i>I've heard temperatures are low at night there. We might need to take a jumper.</i>	<i>That can't be our tent! It's too small and ours was big.</i>

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 It might/can't be hot at the beach, so take some suntan lotion.
- 2 You've got a lot of crime books – you must/could like detective fiction.
- 3 Don't buy a book for Tara's birthday. She can/might already have it. Get her some flowers instead.
- 4 That can't/must be the new student. I haven't seen him before.
- 5 The teacher mustn't/can't have the results already. We only took the test this morning.

II) MODAL VERBS OF SPECULATION AND DEDUCTION – PAST

STRONG BELIEF	POSSIBLE BUT NOT SURE	BELIEF THAT SOMETHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
MUST + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE <i>That lady used to wear very expensive clothes and jewelry. She must have been very rich.</i>	COULD/ MAY/ MIGHT + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE <i>The situation was very dangerous. You could have got hurt.</i>	CAN'T + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE <i>Lady Gaga was sick last weekend so she can't have sung in Madrid!</i>

2 Complete the sentences with *must have*, *can't have*, *might have* and the correct form of the verbs given.

- Paul
(make) this cake! He doesn't know anything about baking!
- Jamie
(go shopping) because he said he needed some new trainers, but I'm not sure.
- Ralph
(repair) the computer already. He's only been here for five minutes.
- We (miss)
the turning. This is the wrong road.
- You
(hear) about the accident. It was in all the newspapers.

III) THE THIRD CONDITIONAL

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Structure **IF + Past Perfect, Perfect Conditional**
(Would/wouldn't + have + Past Participle)

Usage **Imaginary situations in the past**

Examples



- If I **had got** a gold medal, I **would have been** happy.
- If I **had met** Susan last week, I **would have given** her the book.
- If the weather **had been** good, we **would have gone** water-skiing.
- If you **had got** (**gotten-US**) up earlier, you **would have caught** the earlier train.

They can't be changed because they have already happened.

3 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the dialogue.

Maria: Look at Mum's birthday cake. It's a disaster!
If I (1) the recipe a bit more carefully it (2) better. But as usual I was in such a rush that I didn't bother.

Richard: Well, if you (3) the television at the same time as trying to cook the cake it would have been much better.

Maria: I know, you're right. If I (4) how awful it was going to taste I would have turned the television off!

Richard: If I were you, I (5) again and bake another cake.

- 1 A had read
B would read
C read
- 2 A would have been
B will be
C wouldn't be
- 3 A wasn't watching
B haven't been watching
C hadn't been watching
- 4 A knew
B had known
C has known
- 5 A will start
B would start
C would have started