

Past Modals of Deduction



90% sure = must have + past participle

50% possible = may have + past participle

might have + past participle

impossible = can't have + past participle

couldn't have + past participle





Complete the following sentences using the correct **past modals of deductions** based on the evidence provided ("must have", "may have", or "can't have" + the verbs in parentheses).

1. Your mother _____ **(be)** a great cook. Your siblings were fighting over her old cooking book.
2. I'm not sure yet, but I guess Gracia _____ **(eat)** my cookies. Her smile was suspicious.
3. Denis _____ **(get)** lost. He knows this neighborhood like the back of his hand!
4. I can see that carol is still mad at me. She _____ **(leave)** my bags outside the house. I will have to apologize again!
5. The thief _____ **(go)** that far. Look at the floor! He's bleeding; we have to follow his blood.
6. It hasn't been confirmed yet, but I think Rebeca and Leo _____ **(break)** up. This might be my opportunity to confess my love!

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