

Practice

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!