

Unit 2

Grammar 1

GRAMMAR TR: 22

Modals: Speculating about the past

could have
(not sure)

They canceled their hiking plans. They **could have read** about that escaped bear.

might have
(not sure)

He refuses to go in the water. He **might have seen** a jellyfish.

may have
(pretty sure)

She won't get out of the car now. She **may have heard** the neighbor's dogs fighting.

must have
(very sure)

They took her to the hospital immediately. That spider **must have been** poisonous.

- 11 Listen.** How sure are the speakers about their ideas? Write *not sure*, *pretty sure*, or *very sure*. TR: 23

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

- 12 Read and write.** For each item, write a sentence speculating about the past. Use *could have*, *may have*, *might have*, and *must have* in your sentences.

1. Alice went into the kitchen for a midnight snack. She turned on the light and screamed. _____
2. Don kept scratching his arms and legs all night. _____
3. Julia heard something running inside the walls. _____
4. Ken found the trash can on its side. There was garbage all over the sidewalk. _____

