

## Modals for Speculation and Future in the Past

**A.** Circle the appropriate modal to complete the sentence.

1. I can't find that email Josh sent with the directions to his house. I ( could | must ) have deleted it.
2. The living room looks nice. Rahmina ( might | must ) have cleaned today.
3. The thief ( could | must ) have come in through the window, but we don't know.
4. Karina ( may | must ) have talked to Jim, but I'm not sure.
5. Your car ( could | must ) have been stolen or towed away.

**B.** Complete the conversation with the correct modal *may, might, could, or must*.

1. **A:** Lily \_\_\_\_\_ have eaten the cake.  
**B:** How do you know Lily ate it?  
**A:** She was the only one at home this afternoon!
2. **A:** Someone sent me flowers!  
**B:** How nice! Who sent them to you?  
**A:** I don't know. There was no card...but it \_\_\_\_\_ have been my parents.
3. **A:** It \_\_\_\_\_ have rained last night.  
**B:** Why do you say that?  
**A:** All of the cars parked on the street are wet.
4. **A:** Where did I catch this terrible cold?  
**B:** You \_\_\_\_\_ have caught it from Diane. She was coughing on Monday.

**C.** Complete the conversation with the future-in-the-past structure.

1. **A:** Hi, Vickie. What are you doing in the office? I thought you \_\_\_\_\_ be out of town on business this week?  
**B:** That's right, but the trip was postponed.
2. **A:** This is carrot cake. You said you \_\_\_\_\_ make a chocolate cake.  
**B:** A carrot cake seemed healthier so I made that instead.
3. **A:** What is Dan doing watching TV? He said he \_\_\_\_\_ study this afternoon.  
**B:** I don't know...I guess he changed his mind!

**D.** Complete the sentence with the future-in-the-past structure.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ relax this weekend.
2. Tomas and Luis \_\_\_\_\_ go fishing this weekend.
3. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ to make fish stew for dinner.
4. Sergey \_\_\_\_\_ stop by on his way to New York.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ work in the yard this morning.