

Focus 3. Unit 3. Grammar 3.2

3.2 Present and past speculation

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the boxes.

may rain	can't have rained
must have won	could win

- 0 There are some dark clouds in the sky. It may rain later.
- 1 Adam's so good with computers – he _____ any competition.
- 2 The streets are completely dry – it _____.
- 3 She is buying lots of new things! She _____ a lot of money in the lottery.

could take	could have taken
must like	must have liked

- 4 Does your aunt like modern art? You _____ her to the new art gallery when she next visits you.
- 5 He's been playing that computer game all day. He _____ it very much.
- 6 People _____ that song – the radio played it many times every day.
- 7 Violet _____ the key and now you can't find it.

may meet	can't be
can't have been	may have met

- 0 We live in the same neighbourhood, so we may meet in the future.
- 1 We _____ in Glasgow while I was living there.
- 2 Helen _____ serious about that. I'm sure she was joking.
- 3 You _____ serious about taking a gap year. It's such a bad idea.

could stay	must rain
could have stayed	must have rained

- 4 If money is not a problem, you _____ at the new four-star hotel in the centre.
- 5 A lot of people are carrying umbrellas – it _____ before.
- 6 Most people in the UK carry an umbrella with them. It _____ a lot there.
- 7 I thought Jim was coming back yesterday, but he _____ in France for a few extra days.