

Unit 10 Mysteries

Lesson A: Modals to Discuss the Past

A Read each sentence. Is the statement speculation or is it almost certain? Check the correct column.

	Speculation	Almost certain
1. Investigators believe that Easter Island must have had trees and palms.		✓
2. The Moai might have used logs to move the statues.		
3. The palms could have been used to make ropes.		
4. Wood from trees must have been used to make canoes.		
5. The Moai must have had some tools in order to carve the statues.		

B: Circle the appropriate modals to complete the sentences.

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.

C: Complete each 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 Lucia. She was coughing on Monday.