

Modals in the past

✓ Circle the correct modals to complete the sentences:

1. She **can't have/might have/must have** left her phone at school. Or perhaps she left it on the bus.
2. There's no pizza left. They **can't have/may have/must have** eaten it all.
3. Juliet **can't have/ may have/ must have** gone on holiday. She was at school yesterday!
4. I didn't get your email. Do you think you **can't have/ could have/must have** sent it to my old email address?
5. Your smartwatch probably isn't broken. It **can't have/might have/must have** run out of charge.

✓ Complete the dialogue with the modals below and the verb in brackets in the participle form. You can use the same modal more than once.

For example: Ann *must have eaten* (eat) the last cookie.

Can't have – may/might/could have – might not have – must have

Erica: What's the matter, Jack? You look worried.

Jack: I can't find my phone. I _____ (leave) it somewhere.

Erica: Did you have it on the bus?

Jack: Yes, I did. But I _____ (leave) it there because I used it just after I got off. I sent you a text.

Erica: You _____ (drop) it when you were walking here from the bus stop.

Jack: Yes, that's possible. I was listening to my MP3 player.

Erica: Somebody _____ (find) it by now and handed it in to the police.

Jack: Or they _____ (hand) it in. They _____ (keep) it.

Erica: Shall I phone the police station and ask?

