Modals in Past

Structure:
Modal + HAVE + past participle

Modal	*Concept*	*Example*
Would have	Past unreal action	If I had guessed the future, I **would have taken** some precautions.
Could have	Past unreal ability	He **could have taken** the flight.
May have	Past unreal possibility	We **may have passed** the math exam, but it was in Spanish.
Might have	Past unreal small probability	You **might have sold** the car if you really needed the money.
Should have	Past unreal recommendation	You **should have listened** to the teacher.
Must have	Past unreal assumption	We **must have been** crazy!

1. Listen to the audio and complete the answers given by the people interviewed:



A mysterious suitcase was left in a hotel room with a hundred thousand dollars. No one knows the man staying at the hotel and no one knows what happened. We interviewed a few people to ask them for their own theories of what they think it happened:

- Emer: "He _____ _____ left it there to collect later."
- Andy: "He _____ _____ been kidnapped by somebody."
- Dan: "The businessman _____ _____ kept the money in his suitcase to pay a client but perhaps he left the hotel in a great rush and forgot to take it with him."
- Stacey: "He _____ _____ left the money there for someone on purpose, or he _____ _____ been called away for an emergency and completely forgot about the money."

2. Match the sentences with the correct form of a modal in past

The school show is on YouTube	Do you think you could have sent it to my old email?
She might have left her phone at school	I should have charged it overnight.
I didn't get your email	I would have booked a flight.
My tablet is completely dead	Our teacher must have uploaded it.
If we knew our bus was going to be late	Or perhaps she left it on the bus.

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