1 Match speakers 1–9 with replies a–i. Then choose the correct alternatives in each reply.

1	My teammate walked right past me without even saying hello.	a	It *must/ can't* have been easy with all the pressure.
2	We went to the football final. We had seats in the front row.	b	Really? You *can't/ might* have been the very worst.
3	I couldn't believe someone from my small town could win a gold medal.	c	Well, it *must/ might* have been nice to be invited anyway.
4	We all went to watch the big match, but she played much worse than usual.	d	You *must/ can't* have had a great view.
5	I was surfing and, suddenly, there was this huge shark coming towards me.	e	He *can't/ might* not have seen you.
6	We only got tickets for the rugby at the last minute, so I didn't think you'd be available.	f	I'm sure that training abroad *might/ must* have helped.
7	I fell over playing tennis and cut my knee open on a stone.	g	Ouch, that *must/ might* have hurt!
8	I think I was the worst runner at my school.	h	She *must/ might* have been driving. Why don't you try again later?
9	I called my swimming coach, but there was no answer.	i	You *might/ must* have been so scared!

2 Work in pairs. What other ways could you respond to the situations using past modals of deduction?

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