



## Which modal verbs are possible in each sentence? More than one answer is possible in each one.

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ have bothered to make me a copy. I already have one.
2. It's not like Harry to miss a meeting. He \_\_\_\_\_ have known about it.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ have stolen the money. She wasn't in the office at the time.
4. If you'd gone into banking, you \_\_\_\_\_ have been rich by now.
5. He doesn't look too happy. It \_\_\_\_\_ have been a tough negotiation.
6. I'm annoyed. She \_\_\_\_\_ have sent me these figures yesterday.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ have come by plane, but it's so expensive these days.
8. We were waiting in Room 2. You \_\_\_\_\_ have told us about the change of venue.



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## Complete the sentences with the most appropriate modal verb (positive or negative). An explanation is given in brackets.

1. Only Peter or Sandra could have found this highly classified report. It \_\_\_\_\_ have been Peter because he was on paternity leave. (*impossibility*). So it \_\_\_\_\_ have been Sandra. (*logical conclusion*)
2. Why did you ring in sick? You weren't ill! You \_\_\_\_\_ have rung in sick. (*criticism*)
3. One of our suppliers gave me a Rolex. I \_\_\_\_\_ have declined such an expensive present. Now my colleagues think I take bribes. (*regret*)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ normally have accepted a post with a company that has such a poor environmental record by at the time I badly needed a job. (*if I hadn't needed a job...*)
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ have gone to Martin Well's presentation on corporate responsibility. It was brilliant! Why weren't you there? (*it was recommended*)
6. What a pity you got up so early! We are not starting until 10.30. You \_\_\_\_\_ have got up so early. (*it wasn't necessary*)
7. 'Andrew didn't even say "hello" at the conference yesterday' 'Well, he \_\_\_\_\_ have seen you.' (*there's a possibility that he didn't see you*)