

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*)