

WS3 - MODAL VERBS OF DEDUCTION

In the Past

Read the situations below and choose the best deduction.

1. The cake is burnt and smells terrible.
 - a. It might have been cooked perfectly.
 - b. Someone must have left it in the oven too long.
 - c. It can't have been baked at the right temperature.
2. There's a ripped envelope on the floor, and the letter is missing.
 - a. It can't have been important.
 - b. Someone must have thrown it away.
 - c. Someone might have taken the letter.
3. The computer is off, and the power cord is unplugged.
 - a. Someone might have unplugged it by mistake.
 - b. It can't have been working earlier.
 - c. It must have turned off automatically.
4. There's an empty pizza box on the table, and a few crumbs are left
 - a. It can't have been touched.
 - b. Someone might have ordered something else.
 - c. Someone must have eaten the pizza.



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1. There's a smashed lamp on the floor, and the cat is hiding under the couch.
 - a. The cat must have knocked over the lamp.
 - b. Someone might have placed it there carefully.
 - c. It can't have been broken at all.
2. There's a broken glass on the kitchen counter and juice spilled everywhere.
 - a. Someone might have finished drinking and left it there.
 - b. It can't have been broken.
 - c. Someone must have dropped the glass.
3. The plant in the corner looks dry, and its leaves are limp.
 - a. It must have been overwatered.
 - b. Someone might have forgotten to water it.
 - c. It can't have been ignored.
4. There's a half-open window, and the curtains are blowing in the wind.
 - a. Someone might have closed the window.
 - b. It can't have been windy outside.
 - c. The window must have been left open.

