

## Modal Verbs Review

**TASK A.** Put in 'must + base form' (for something that's likely about the present) or 'must + have + past participle' (for something that's likely about the past):

- 1) Keiko always does really well on exams. She \_\_\_\_\_ (study) a lot.
- 2) That woman drives a very expensive car. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of money.
- 3) You \_\_\_\_\_ (practice) a lot before you gave your speech. It was really good.
- 4) When Lizzie got home yesterday there were flowers on the table. Her husband \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) them.
- 5) Where is my purse? I saw it earlier, so it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in this room.
- 6) Sarah couldn't find her glasses. She thought she \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) them at her office.
- 7) It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cold outside. That man in the street is wearing a coat.
- 8) All my plants \_\_\_\_\_ (dead)! I forgot to water them before I went on holiday.
- 9) Susie is so late! She \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the train!.
- 10) There's trash all over my garden! A fox \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the bin.

**TASK B.** Choose the correct answer below to fill the gap.

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ be away for the weekend but I'm not sure.  
A. can      B. may
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ be French, judging by his accent.  
A. could      B. can
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ still be out!  
A. may not      B. can't
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ be at home!  
A. may not      B. can't
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ be right but I'm going to check anyway.  
A. might      B. can

**TASK C.** Choose the correct modal in past to complete the sentence.

1. Look! Our car isn't in the driveway! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_  
A. must have stolen it.    B. could have stolen it.    C. might have stolen it
2. I don't know why he hasn't called me back. He \_\_\_\_\_  
A. might be forgetting my number    B. must have forgotten my number.    C. might have forgotten my number.
3. The hockey player's injury kept him out of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. He \_\_\_\_\_  
A. must have been disappointed.    B. might have been disappointed.    C. must have been disappointment.
4. My friend promised to pick me up at 7:00. It's now 7:25 and I don't see him. He \_\_\_\_\_  
A. must have forgotten.    B. might have forgotten.    C. might be forgetting.

5. My plants are dead. I \_\_\_\_\_

A. must give them more water. B. can't have given them enough water. C. couldn't give them enough water.

**TASK D. Choose the correct modal to complete the sentence. (continuous tenses)**

1. James and Betty went to Hawaii on Friday for a two week vacation. Right now, they \_\_\_\_\_

A. might relax on a sunny beach. B. might be relaxing on a sunny beach. C. must be relaxing on a sunny beach.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ a call for you. You should check the answering machine just in case.

A. There was B. There might have been C. There might have being D. There must have been

3. PERSON A: Many people were laughing throughout the movie.

PERSON B: It \_\_\_\_\_

A. could have been very funny. B. must have been very funny. C. was funny. D. maybe funny.

4. I wanted to talk to the professor about my grade, but he wasn't in his office. I guess he \_\_\_\_\_

A. must have taught another class. B. might have been teaching another class. C. was teaching another class.

5. PERSON A: I was raised in a large city.

PERSON B: That \_\_\_\_\_

A. must have to be interesting. B. must be interesting. C. must have been interesting.

**TASK E. Complete the sentences using the modal verbs (must, can't, could, may, might)**

1 I'm sure he is here - I can see his car in front of the building.

He \_\_\_\_\_ be here. I can see his car in front of the building.

2 They're coming this week but I don't know which day. They \_\_\_\_\_ be coming tomorrow.

3 I'm not sure I'm going to pass the exam. I don't feel very confident.

I \_\_\_\_\_ pass the exam. I don't feel very confident.

4 I've bought a lottery ticket. There's a chance I'll become a millionaire! I \_\_\_\_\_ become a millionaire!

5 I'm sure she doesn't speak French very well - she's only lived in Paris for a few weeks.

She \_\_\_\_\_ speak French very well. She's only lived in Paris for a few weeks.

6 My key's not in my pocket or on my desk so I'm sure it's in the drawer.

My key's not in my pocket or on my desk so it \_\_\_\_\_ be in the drawer.

7 Someone told me that Mark was in Mexico but I saw him yesterday so I'm sure he's not abroad. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ be abroad.

8 You got the job? That's great. I'm sure you're delighted. You got the job? That's great. You \_\_\_\_\_ be delighted.

9 They told me to prepare the project by tomorrow but it's almost impossible to have it done so fast.

I \_\_\_\_\_ finish it by tomorrow if I stay at work all night, but I'm not sure.

10 I asked them to send the goods as soon as possible; we \_\_\_\_\_ receive them by the end of the week if the post is fast.