

Paraphrase these negative sentences using past modals of deduction.

1. **I wouldn't have been able to finish** the project without your help.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ the project without your help.
2. **It's possible that I didn't send** the email — I'll check my drafts.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ the email — I'll check my drafts.
3. **I 100% wasn't driving** too fast — I was stuck in traffic.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ too fast — I was stuck in traffic.
4. **It's possible that he didn't tell** you the full story.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ you the full story.
5. **It's possible that you weren't thinking** clearly when you made that decision.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ clearly when you made that decision.
6. **It's possible that he was not watching** the road carefully, which is why he almost crashed.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ the road carefully, which is why he almost crashed.
7. **It's possible that you were not looking** in the right folder for the document.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ in the right folder for the document.
8. She **100% wasn't studying** at 2 AM; she was asleep by midnight.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ at 2 AM; she was asleep by midnight.
9. She **most likely wasn't listening**; she asked the same question twice.  
She \_\_\_\_\_; she asked the same question twice.
10. You **most likely wasn't watching** the movie closely — you missed an important scene.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ the movie closely — you missed an important scene.
11. They **most likely weren't expecting** visitors; the house was a mess.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ visitors; the house was a mess.
12. You **wouldn't have been able to see** me at the mall yesterday — I was home all day.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ me at the mall yesterday — I was home all day.
13. **It's possible you were not paying** attention during class — that's why you're confused.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ attention during class — that's why you're confused.
14. They **wouldn't have been able to win** the match without their star player.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ the match without their star player.
15. **It's possible they didn't recognize** me in my new outfit.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ me in my new outfit.
16. She **wouldn't have been able to know** about the surprise party — we were so careful!

## CONTROLLED PRACTICE

She \_\_\_\_\_ about the surprise party — we were so careful!

17. **It's possible she didn't notice** the deadline, which is why she submitted it late.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ the deadline, which is why she submitted it late.

18. **It's possible he didn't hear** the alarm, which is why he overslept.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ the alarm, which is why he overslept.

19. He **most likely wasn't working** when I called; he answered immediately.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ when I called; he answered immediately.

20. They **wouldn't have been able to arrive** earlier because their flight was delayed.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ earlier because their flight was delayed.

21. She **100% wasn't cooking** when you called because we ordered takeout.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ when you called because we ordered takeout.

22. **It's possible she didn't understand** the joke, which is why she didn't laugh.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ the joke, which is why she didn't laugh.

23. He **most likely didn't lock** the door — it's open!  
He \_\_\_\_\_ the door — it's open!

24. **It's possible she wasn't following** the recipe exactly, which is why the cake didn't turn out well.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ the recipe exactly, which is why the cake didn't turn out well.

25. I **most likely wasn't walking** carefully because I tripped on the stairs.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ carefully because I tripped on the stairs.

26. **It's possible she didn't realize** how expensive that item was.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ how expensive that item was.

27. She **most likely hasn't seen** my message; she hasn't replied yet.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ my message; she hasn't replied yet.

28. I **most likely didn't set** my alarm properly — I overslept.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ my alarm properly — I overslept.

29. **It's possible you were not studying** as hard as you thought, judging by your test results.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ as hard as you thought, judging by your test results.

30. She **most likely wasn't paying** attention in class — she didn't understand the lesson.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ attention in class — she didn't understand the lesson.