📝 Past Modals for Degrees of Certainty – Practice

Instructions:
Read each case carefully. Decide the degree of certainty and complete the sentence with the correct past modal form (*must have*, *must not have*, *may have*, *might have*, *may not have*, *might not have*, *could have*, *could not have*) and the past participle of the verb in parentheses.

1. Case: The grass is wet this morning.

Sentence: It _____ (rain) last night.

Certainty: 100%

2. Case: The lights are off and the doors are locked.

Sentence: They _____ (leave) for vacation already.

Certainty: 90–100%

3. Case: The teacher didn't reply to your email. Maybe she didn't see it.

Sentence: She _____ (check) her inbox yet.

Certainty: 50–70%

4. Case: His laptop is missing, but he's still here.

Sentence: He _____ (forget) it at home.

Certainty: 70%

5. Case: She was at the airport yesterday.

Sentence: She _____ (be) at the office at the same time.

Certainty: 100% (negative)

6. Case: There's a cake in the kitchen with one slice missing.

Sentence: Someone _____ (eat) a piece already.

Certainty: 90%

7. Case: The meeting started late. Maybe the manager wasn't ready.

Sentence: The manager _____ (need) more time to prepare.

Certainty: 70%

8. Case: I saw him playing soccer yesterday afternoon.

Sentence: He _____ (study) at that time.

Certainty: 100% (negative)

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9. Case: There's no milk in the fridge.

Sentence: Someone _____ (drink) it all this morning.

Certainty: 100%

10. Case: The students were laughing loudly in the hallway.

Sentence: They _____ (hear) the announcement.

Certainty: Possible, not sure.

11. Case: She is smiling and holding flowers.

Sentence: She _____ (receive) them from a friend.

Certainty: 90%

12. Case: I saw him in another city yesterday.

Sentence: He _____ (attend) the wedding here.

Certainty: 100% (negative)

📋 Quiz – Part 2: Past Modals for Judgments & Suggestions

General Instructions:

Read each case carefully. Complete the sentence with the correct past modal form:

- **Judging past actions:** *should have + past participle / should not have + past participle*
- **Suggesting alternative past actions:** *could have + past participle / wouldn't have + past participle*

Use the **hint** under each case to help you identify the correct modal.

1. **Case:** She forgot her friend's birthday.

Hint: Judging a bad past action.

Sentence: She _____ (call) her to say happy birthday.

2. **Case:** You ate too much cake and now you feel sick.

Hint: Judging a bad past action.

Sentence: You _____ (eat) that much.

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3. **Case:** He didn't take his medicine, and now he's sick again.
Hint: Judging a bad past action.
Sentence: He _____ (take) it every day.

4. **Case:** We didn't invite Sarah to the meeting, but she wanted to come.
Hint: Judging a past mistake.
Sentence: We _____ (invite) her.

5. **Case:** They drove too fast and got a speeding ticket.
Hint: Judging a bad past action.
Sentence: They _____ (drive) so fast.

6. **Case:** I lost my keys. I could have put them in my bag.
Hint: Suggesting a possible past action.
Sentence: I _____ (put) them there.

7. **Case:** She didn't bring her glasses, so she couldn't see the movie well.
Hint: Judging a bad past action.
Sentence: She _____ (wear) them.

8. **Case:** You studied hard, so you passed the exam easily.
Hint: Imagining a different outcome in the past.
Sentence: You _____ (fail) if you hadn't studied.

9. **Case:** He didn't ask for help, but I was free to help him.
Hint: Suggesting a possible past action.
Sentence: He _____ (ask) me.

10. **Case:** We didn't take a map, but we still found the place.
Hint: Imagining a different outcome in the past.
Sentence: We _____ (get) lost without it.

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