

10A Past modals of deduction

a Complete the sentences with one of the phrases in the box and the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use some of the phrases twice.

must have may have couldn't have might not have

- 1 **A** We walked all the way home in the snow.
B Wow – that must have been (be) cold!
- 2 **A** I think I saw Angela on the bus today.
B No, it _____ (be) Angela – she's on vacation in the mountains this week.
- 3 **A** I saw a beautiful sweater in the store, but I didn't buy it. It's probably too late now.
B Maybe, but let's go back and check – they _____ (sell) it yet.
- 4 **A** That's strange. My bicycle tire's flat. How did that happen?
B I'm not sure. You _____ (ride) over some broken glass or something.
- 5 **A** Where have all the sandwiches gone? The plate's empty!
B Tom _____ (eat) them. He was the only person who came into this room all day.
- 6 **A** I think I've broken my arm – it really hurts.
B I don't know ... you _____ (break) it. I'm not an expert, but it doesn't look broken.

b Check (✓) the correct sentences. Correct the mistakes.

- 1 I said hello but he didn't reply. He didn't have heard me.
- 2 Sorry, I may not have made myself clear.
- 3 I can't find my purse. Someone might stolen it.
- 4 I don't know who wrote the report – it could had been anybody.
- 5 They couldn't have just disappeared! It's impossible!
- 6 It might haven't been such a good idea to walk home alone.
- 7 They look sad. They must lose the match.
- 8 Wow! That's a nice car! It needs to cost a fortune!

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