

Grammar quiz 3.2: Present and past speculation

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the boxes. Drag and drop.

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- 1 There are some dark clouds in the sky. It _____ later.
- 2 Adam's good with computers. He _____ your problem – just ask him.
- 3 The rivers and lakes are almost dry in this region. It _____ for a long time.
- 4 I don't know how she managed it. I guess she _____ the problem by accident.

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- 5 Does your aunt like modern art? You _____ her to the new art gallery next time she visits.
- 6 He's been playing that computer game all day. He _____ it a lot.
- 7 It was a very popular song and people _____ it a lot because the radio played it every day.
- 8 Violet _____ the key because I can't find it.

2 PARAPHRASING!! Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first sentence. Use the word in brackets.

- 1 It is possible that the plane will land at a different airport. (MAY)
The plane _____ a different airport.
- 2 I'm sure that's Emma's sister. She looks just like Emma! (MUST)
That _____ sister. She looks just like Emma!
- 3 It's possible that we will save enough money to go to Peru. (MIGHT)
We _____ to go to Peru.
- 4 It's possible that Janet's car broke down before she reached London. (COULD)
Janet's car _____ before she reached London.
- 5 It's possible that they have gone home early. (MAY)
They _____ home early.
- 6 I'm sure John knew about this! (HAVE)
John _____ about this!
- 7 I'm sure that that woman isn't Andy's mother. (BE)
That woman _____ Andy's mother.