

MODALS OF SPECULATION IN PAST

A Choose the correct word in *italics*.

- 1 He *must/might/couldn't* have arrived yet because he promised to phone us the minute the plane landed.
- 2 He *must/might/can't* have told my parents I was caught shoplifting, but I hope he didn't.
- 3 That *must/might/can't* be Rob on the phone. Only he knows my new number.
- 4 The judge *must/might/can't* have liked you. It's unusual to only get a suspended sentence in this kind of case.
- 5 He *must/might/can't* be happy about losing his job. He really loved working in the police force.
- 6 She *must/might/can't* have left very quietly. I didn't hear her go.
- 7 Don't be negative. She *must/might/can't* pass her English test. We will only know when we get the results.
- 8 The burglar *must/might/couldn't* have got in through a window. They were all locked.

B Complete the sentences using *must/might/can't/couldn't (have)* and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Pete didn't turn up to do his community service. He _____ (forget) about it. I reminded him yesterday.
- 2 You knew it was illegal to park there. You _____ (see) the notice – it was very clear.
- 3 I'm not sure where Jo is. She _____ (go) round to Sally's. They're working on a school project together.
- 4 How did you know about the surprise party? Someone _____ (tell) you!
- 5 She's just run a marathon. She _____ (be) completely exhausted now!
- 6 You _____ (spend) all your birthday money already. You got nearly £100!
- 7 We don't know who took the money. There were lots of people in the office during the day and any of them _____ (be) the thief.
- 8 I _____ (leave) my keys at home. I remember feeling them in my jacket pocket when I got on the bus.