# MODAL VERBS – PAST FORMS

– LOGICAL ASSUMPTION, POSSIBILITY, OBLIGATION, NECESSITY, PROHIBITION, CRITICISM –

I. Complete the sentences with the following modal verb forms then choose the right explanation for their meaning:

**must have** **ought to have** **might have** **could have** **can't have** **needn't have**

**can't** **might not have** **shouldn't have** **must** **must** **must have** **had to**

1. You had been travelling for ten hours – you ..... been tired.
2. That ..... been John you saw at the match – he's out of the country.
3. You ..... brought sandwiches – there's a perfectly good cafeteria.
4. What a mess you've made! You ..... been more careful.
5. I don't know why she didn't ask me how to do it – I ..... easily helped her.
6. She ..... thought you were too busy – I can't think of any other reason.
7. Martin really ..... borrowed my tennis racket without asking first.
8. I don't know why Fiona's so late; do you think she ..... got lost coming here?
9. She ..... managed to find the time to come – you know how busy she is.
10. I ..... explain what happened.
11. You ..... use a dictionary during the exam.
12. The landlord said we ..... pay the rent on time.
13. Plants ..... have water to survive.

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Explanations: **duty** **external obligation** **prohibition** **lack of necessity**

**supposition** **logical assumption** **lack of permission** **lack of ability**

**possibility** **necessity** **criticism/reproach** **probability**

**impossiblity**

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