

Past Modals

Complete the dialogues. Rewrite the phrases in brackets using *might (not) have, must have, or can't have + past participle*.

- A. Oh no, the cake's burning!
B. You must have put the oven on too high. (You definitely put the oven on)
- A. Why is there so much traffic today?
B. I don't know. There _____ an accident. (Maybe there was)
- A. Can you move your leg?
B. No, it hurts too much. I think I _____ it. (Perhaps I have broken it)
- A. Look! The gate's open and the dog has gone.
B. Oh no! We _____ it open when we went out. (I'm sure we left it open)
- A. I can't find the milk. We _____ it all. (I'm sure we didn't drink it)
B. Yes, you're right. It must be in there somewhere.
- A. Where's Jeremy? He should be here.
B. He _____ the email about the meeting. (Perhaps he didn't see)

Verbs often Confused

Choose the right word.

- Have you been sleeping well recently? You _____ really pale.
- The pharmacist can _____ you which is the best medicine to take.
- When I ask my son what the problem is, he just _____ to talk about it.
- Don't you think we need to _____ this before we take a decision?
- Emily's boss _____ her that if she was late for work again, she'd lose her job.
- When the police accused Jim of the crime, he _____ being there that night.
- I love _____ on the beach with a good book in summer.
- What's _____ you from applying for the job? You've got all the right qualifications.
- I was _____ when I took the train home last night.
- If we leave at about 6.30, we'll have to _____ the rush hour.

