

EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

GRAMMAR NOTES 1-7 Read each sentence based on the reading. Circle the choice that is closer in meaning to the sentence.

1. Columbus may not have been the first to visit the Western Hemisphere.
☒ a. He might not have been the first.
b. He could not have been the first.
2. It must have been about the year 1000 when Leif Erickson visited the New World.
a. I'm almost certain it was about the year 1000.
b. I think maybe it was about the year 1000.
3. Vinland couldn't have been Newfoundland.
a. It must not have been Newfoundland.
b. It can't have been Newfoundland.
4. How could the voyage have happened?
a. I'd like an explanation of how the voyage was impossible.
b. I'd like an explanation of how the voyage was possible.
5. Individuals may have sailed from Japan to Ecuador.
a. It's possible they did it.
b. It's almost certain they did it.
6. The pottery evidence must mean something.
a. I'm almost sure it means something.
b. I strongly doubt it means something.
7. Other missionaries could have gone to the New World after Brendan's return.
a. It's possible that they went.
b. They had the opportunity to go, but they didn't.
8. Continued research should get us closer to an answer.
a. It's possible that it will.
b. It's almost certain that it will.

EXERCISE 2 AFFIRMATIVE MODALS

GRAMMAR NOTES 1-6 Read the conversation. Complete it with the words from the box.

could be working
~~could have gotten~~

may have had to
might be

might be meeting
must have

must have been visiting
should be

- BLAKE: I wonder what's keeping Harry. He's usually on time for office parties. I suppose he
_____ could have gotten _____ stuck in traffic.
1.
- SAMANTHA: Yeah, that's a possibility. Or he _____ work late. I've
2. never known him to be late for a party.
- BLAKE: You know, I've always felt there's something a little puzzling—or even mysterious—
about Harry.
- SAMANTHA: What makes you say that?
- BLAKE: Well, he never says much about his past. He's an interesting guy, but I don't know much
about him. For all I know, he _____ an international spy
3. who works with mysterious cohorts.
- SAMANTHA: I think I know what you mean. Or he _____ as a
4. government agent.
- BLAKE: This is potentially a case of *cherchez la femme*.
- SAMANTHA: What does that mean?
- BLAKE: It means "look for the woman." I figure he _____ a
5. girlfriend that he doesn't want us to know about.
- SAMANTHA: Yeah, maybe so. You know, now that I think of it, he always leaves work early on Friday
afternoons. I see him go to the parking garage about 4:00, and it always seems like he's
trying not to be seen. He _____ his secret love.
6.
- (The doorbell rings.)
- BLAKE: Oh, wait a minute. There's the doorbell. Everyone else is here. That
_____ him.
7.
- HARRY: Hi, folks. Sorry I'm late. Had some business to take care of.
- SAMANTHA: Business, huh. You mean romantic business?
- HARRY: Romantic business? What are you talking about?
- BLAKE: We figure you _____ your lady love. After all, we see you
8. leave early every Friday afternoon.
- HARRY: Pretty funny. Well, there is a lady,
and I love her. But it's not what
you think.
- SAMANTHA: What is it, then?
- HARRY: My mother. She's 88 years old,
and she lives in a retirement
home. I go to see her
every Friday.

