

## PAST MODALS OF DEDUCTION

### I: Choose the correct MODAL VERB in the mini conversations:

- a. Do you know where my smartphone is?
- b. Yes, it is in the bathroom. You **must**/couldn't have left it there this morning.
  - a. I'm finished.
  - b. You couldn't /might be finished already!
- a. Did I tell you about my friend Roger?
- b. I think you can't /might have told me, but I forgotten. Tell me again.
  - a. I can't stop thinking about where he might be.
  - b. Yes, anything could /must have happened to him
- a. My ex-boyfriend starred in a movie once.
- b. Really? With looks like his, it may /must have been planet of the Apes.
  - a. I'm sorry, but I think I couldn't /may have been a little impolite to you yesterday.
  - b. Impolite? I thought you were really rude, actually.

### II. Choose the correct option:

- 1. She \_\_\_\_\_ misunderstood my directions. Why is she late?
  - a. Can't have
  - b. must have
- 2. He \_\_\_\_\_ gone to the beach. He hates being in the sun.
  - a. May have
  - b. can't have
- 3. I \_\_\_\_\_ written down the number incorrectly. I just called a hospital not the restaurant.
  - a. Must have
  - b. might have
- 4. They \_\_\_\_\_ been at the cafe but I didn't see them.
  - a. Must have
  - b. could have
- 5. John \_\_\_\_\_ been very happy when he found out he was going to a father. He has wanted this for a long time.
  - a. Must have
  - b. may have