

MODALS IN THE PAST

Complete the sentences using modals and a verb in the past participle:

Must have - might/may/could have - should have - couldn't/can't have

1. John _____ (gone) on holiday. I saw him this morning downtown.
2. Nobody answered the phone at the clinic. It _____ (close) early.
3. I _____ (revise) more for my exams. I think I'll fail!
4. Sarah looks really pleased with herself. She _____ (pass) her driving test this morning.
5. I didn't know you were going to Phil's party yesterday. You _____ (tell) me!
6. I can't believe Jim hasn't arrived yet. He _____ (catch) the wrong train.
7. I can't believe Jim hasn't arrived yet. He _____ (catch) the correct train.
8. Don't lie to me that you were ill yesterday. You _____ (be) ill - Don said you were at the ice hockey match last night.
9. I don't know where they went on holiday but they bought Euros before they left so they _____ (go) to France or Germany.
10. His number was busy all night - he _____ (be) on the phone continuously for hours.
11. It _____ (be) Mickey I saw at the party. He didn't recognize me at all.
12. Someone was ringing. It _____ (be) my brother - he promised to call.

13. I am sure he was here. I saw his car in front of the building. He _____ (be) here.

14. A: Where is James? He should already be here, shouldn't he?

B: Yes, he should but I don't know why he isn't here – he _____ (miss) the bus.

15. A: Last summer I took four exams and failed them all!

B: You _____ (be) very disappointed.

16. She speaks excellent French. I'm sure she's lived in Paris for a long time.

She _____ (live) in Paris for a long time.

17. A: Their plane was delayed and they had to wait 36 hours in the airport.

B: They _____ (be) very happy with the airline.

18. Someone told me that Mark was in Mexico last week, but I saw him here so he _____ (be) in Mexico.

19. A: I saw John yesterday – he looked very pleased with himself. He didn't say why but I think he got that job he applied for.

B: He _____ (get) that job he applied for.

20. They gave me very little time to do the job. It's possible I'd have finished if I'd worked all night, but I'm not sure. They gave me very little time to do the job. I _____ (finish) if I'd worked all night, but I'm not sure.

21. We agreed to meet yesterday, but when I got there I didn't see him. It's possible he was waiting elsewhere. We agreed to meet yesterday but when I got there I didn't see him. He _____ (be) waiting elsewhere.

22. He _____ (go) through this window – it's too small.