# 7A GRAMMAR past modals

**a** Read the conversations and the sentences in brackets. Then complete the conversations with *might (not) have, must have,* or *can't have* + past participle.

**1** **A** Why is there so much traffic today?
**B** I don't know. There *might have been* an accident. (maybe there was)
**2** **A** Can you move your leg?
**B** No, it hurts too much. I think I _____ it. (perhaps I have broken it)
**3** **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)
**4** **A** Oh no, the cake's burning!
**B** You _____ the oven on too high. (you definitely put the oven on)
**5** **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.
**6** **A** Where's Jeremy? He should be here.
**B** He _____ the email about the meeting. (perhaps he didn't see)
**7** **A** Ellen passed all her exams with top marks!
**B** Wow! She _____ really hard. (I'm sure she worked)
**8** **A** I've done my homework, Mum. I'm going out.
**B** What? You _____ all of it. Let me see it. (it's impossible you've finished)
**9** **A** We didn't see Dan and Sarah at the concert.
**B** They _____ tickets. I think the concert was sold out. (perhaps they weren't able to get)
**10** **A** I called you earlier, but I got your voicemail.
**B** Sorry. I _____ my phone by mistake. (I'm sure I switched off)

**b** Complete the sentences with *should / shouldn't have* and the past participle of a verb from the list.

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**1** We're lost. I knew we *should have taken* the second exit at the roundabout!
**2** This tastes too spicy. You _____ so much chilli.
**3** You _____ with James. He was perfect for you.
**4** The concert was amazing. You _____ with us.
**5** Jim's already gone? I don't believe it – he _____ for us.
**6** I'm afraid we can't exchange the jacket now. You _____ the receipt.
**7** You _____ us that you were in hospital. We would have visited you.
**8** I _____ these jeans. They really don't suit me.

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