

Complete the sentences to report what these people said, using the options in the box below. Use some options more than once.

There are four extra options.

could would had to might will must may should hadn't

0 "I might have to work late."

He said he might have to work late.

1 "You should apply for the job."

He said I _____ apply for the job.

2 "Admittedly, I hadn't prepared very well for the exam."

She admitted that she _____ prepared very well for the exam.

3 "Can you help out?"

They asked if I _____ help out.

4 "Would you prefer to live in the city?"

He asked whether I _____ prefer to live in the city.

5 "You could try getting tickets online."

He suggested that I _____ try getting tickets online.

6 "I may never see him again."

She said she _____ never see him again.

7 "Will you be at the meeting tomorrow?"

My boss asked if I _____ be at the meeting the next day.

8 "I must send off my application form by this Friday."

He said he _____ send off his application form by next Friday.

Complete these sentences to report what each speaker said. If back-shifting is optional, provide two answers.

0 "I'm from the south of the country."

She told me she is from / was from the south of the country.

9 "I haven't eaten anything this morning."

She said she _____ that morning.

10 "I'll let Rachel know the arrangements for tomorrow."

(an hour later) He said he _____ . Rachel know the arrangements.

11 "I can't understand what he's saying."

At first, she said she _____ .

12 "We love having dinner with Harry and Jess."

They said they _____ having dinner with Harry and Jess.

13 "I'm a bit worried about the cost."

To begin with, she said she _____ a bit worried about the cost.

14 "I'll give Tom a lift to the party tonight."

(the next day) She said she _____ Tom a lift to the party.

15 "I'm slightly concerned about the project."

Initially, he said he _____ slightly concerned about the project.

C Choose the correct form of the verb.

0 He told us we must / had to pay for the food we had eaten.

16 She said she hadn't / hasn't met him before that day.

17 We were really worried because Claire said she can't / couldn't find her passport.

18 She claimed she has had / had had four children by the age of 20.

19 He said he can't / couldn't see the stage from where he was sitting.

20 I asked him if he will / would sign my autograph book.

21 My dad told us he must / had to work late that night.

22 I apologized for the mess, but she said she didn't notice / hadn't noticed.

23 She said she can / could help us if we wanted her to.