## Reflect on Grammar

### Past Modals

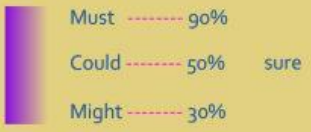
Use Past Modals to speculate, deduce, or make guesses about past situations based on evidence.

- She must have slept all day long.
- It could have been because she took a nap.
- She might never have eaten fatty food.

**Structure**

Subject + (must/could/might) + have + past participle + complement

Degrees of certainty about the past




**3. Read the following situations and make guesses to complete the sentences. Use the Word Bank.**

**Word Bank**

- feel
- eat
- sleep
- go on



a.- Kenneth has lost a lot of weight recently.
- He *might* _____ _____ _____ a very healthy diet.



c.- Dorothy came to the gym after work every night last week.
- She _____ _____ _____ stressed.



b.- Why is Sarah so tired today?
- I'm not sure. She _____ _____ _____ very badly last night.



d.- Where's my salad? I left it here!
- Edward _____ _____ _____ it. He loves veggies!

**4. Think of a healthy old person from your family or community. What makes him/her healthy? Check the boxes. Then, speculate about his/her past habits.**

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| | Eating fruits and veggies |
| | Doing exercise |
| | Being in a good mood |
| | Sleeping well |
| | Eating low-fat foods |
| ✓ | Staying away from cigarettes and alcohol |
| | Being active |




### Pronunciation

In speech, past modals are contracted.

1. Listen and repeat.
   - must've - / mʌstəv/
   - could've - / kʊdəv/
   - might've - / maɪtəv/
2. Listen to four sentences and check the past modal you hear.

| | must've | could've | might've |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. | | | |
| b. | | | |
| c. | | | |
| d. | | | |

**Project** Stage 1

- Work by pairs. Think of an unhealthy habit that is present in your community today.
- Prepare a PowerPoint presentation describing how this unhealthy habit is a problem for the community.
- Speculate about the origins of this bad habit.



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