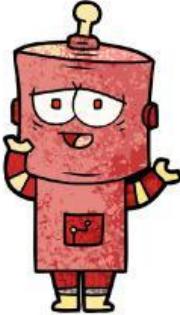


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THE PERFECT INFINITIVE AFTER MODAL VERBS: SHOULD, MAY, MUST, CAN'T

1. Should + Have + Past Participle

- Expresses **regret** or **criticism** about a past action.
If someone **didn't do** something important, we say they **should have done it**.
e.g. *You should have told me about it earlier.*
- If someone **did something wrong**, we say they **shouldn't have done it**.
e.g. *You shouldn't have gone there on your own.*

2. May + Have + Past Participle

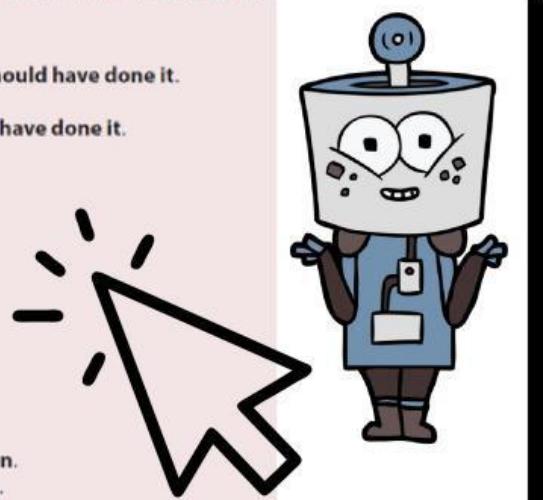
- Expresses **possibility** in the past.
Suggests that something **perhaps happened**.
e.g. *I can't find my keys. I may have lost them.*

3. Must + Have + Past Participle

- Expresses **strong certainty** about a past event.
Suggests that we feel **almost sure** something happened.
e.g. *She is late. She must have missed the bus.*

4. Can't + Have + Past Participle

- Expresses **strong certainty** that something **did not happen**.
Suggests that we feel **almost sure** something is impossible.
e.g. *He can't have failed the test. He works so hard.*



- Rewrite these sentences with *may have***

1. Perhaps he made a mistake.
2. Perhaps I have lost my keys.
3. Perhaps they went on holiday.
4. Perhaps this house was a museum once.
5. Perhaps she has found a new job.
6. Perhaps they were right.

- Use the words in brackets to write sentences with *must have* and *can't have*.**

1. The exam was easy. (he/pass/it)
2. Her office is locked. (she/go/home)
3. She looks upset. (she/get/the job)
4. The car isn't here. (John/take/it)
5. The flowers have died. (you/water/them)
6. I didn't hear my phone. (I/be/asleep)
7. He is always very polite. (he/say/such things)

Complete the sentences with **may have...**, **must have...**, **can't have...**, **should have...**, **shouldn't have...**

1. I don't have my wallet with me. I _____ left it at home.
2. I am sure you know this song. You _____ heard it before.
3. Bill did the opposite of what I asked him. He _____ understood what I said.
4. 'How does Nick know I have lost my job?'
'I don't know. Sue _____ told him.'
5. I wonder why they are not here yet. They _____ arrived an hour ago.
6. I'm feeling bad. I _____ eaten those crisps.
7. 'Why wasn't Helen at the meeting yesterday?'
'I don't know. She _____ forgotten about it.'
8. It rained every day during their holiday. It _____ been very pleasant for them.
9. 'Where is Phil?'
'I don't know. He _____ gone home.'

