

## Past Modal Verbs of Deduction Exercise

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She <b>must have</b> gone out	- <i>There is strong evidence.</i>
I <b>might have</b> made a mistake	- <i>There is a possibility that I made a mistake.</i>
He <b>can't have</b> been there.	- <i>It's impossible.</i>
You <b>should have</b> apologised	- <i>A criticism</i>
You <b>shouldn't have</b> said that.	- <i>A criticism</i>

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**A** Fill the gaps with **must have**, **might have** or **can't have**.

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- 2 You must have shouted at him. He'll never forgive you.
- 3 He must have arrived by now. It's only a 20-minute journey.
- 4 The concert was fantastic. You really must have come.
- 5 The boss is in a terrible mood. The meeting can't have been good.
- 6 Sarah must have been so happy when she found out she was being promoted.
- 7 I had to wait 45 minutes for a bus yesterday. There might have been an accident or maybe a strike.
- 8 He can't have bought a new car. He doesn't have any money.
- 9 Andrew did no revision for the exam but he's passed. I think he might have cheated.
- 10 I left my bicycle in front of the library and it's disappeared. Someone must have stolen it.
- 11 Clara was very upset with you yesterday. You can't have apologised for saying she was lazy.
- 12 John has forgotten about the meeting. We can't have reminded him about it yesterday.
- 13 I'm sorry but Samantha isn't here. She must have already left the office.
- 14 You can't have tried to fix the roof yourself. You might have fallen off and been badly injured.
- 15 He can't have known it was your birthday. Otherwise, I'm sure he would have wished you a happy day.

**B** Now write some examples of your own.

- 1 You might have been able to win because u were not the weakest.
- 2 You can't have killed Gertrude, she was your bestie!
- 3 You must have been drunk, otherwise you would not have cheated on your boyfriend.
- 4 You must have lost your mind, otherwise you would not have ran naked on the Fifth Avenue.

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I'm pretty sure the killer is Jean-Kévin. In fact, he's always drunk past 6p.m. He must have killed her because the wine she gave him didn't taste good enough. He's fond of grand crus so offering him such a bad wine was a disgrace he couldn't handle. He took a cigarette, ripped off her wallet, noticed she had an iPhone thus he took his knife and sliced her throat. They must have planned to go to Bali, Anna's unofficial family. He then might have decided to go there alone, to finish off her family, after teaching them what a good wine is.