

7A GRAMMAR past modals

- a Complete the dialogues. Rewrite the phrases in parentheses using *might (not) have*, *must have*, or *couldn't have* + past participle.

- 1 A Why is there so much traffic today?
B I don't know. There must have been an accident. (**Maybe there was**)
- 2 A Can you move your leg?
B No, it hurts too much. I think I _____ it. (**Maybe 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 _____ too high. (**You definitely turned 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. (**Maybe he didn't see**)
- 7 A Ellen passed all her exams with high grades!
B Wow! She _____ really hard. (**I'm sure she worked**)
- 8 A Mom, I'm going to play soccer now.
B What? You _____ all of your homework. (**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. (**Maybe they weren't able to get**)
- 10 A I called you earlier, but I got your voicemail.
B Sorry. I _____ by mistake. (**I'm sure I turned it 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 rotary!
- 2 This tastes really spicy. You _____ so much chili.
- 3 You _____ with James. He was such a nice guy.
- 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 the hospital. We would have visited you.
- 8 I _____ these jeans. They really don't look good on me.

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- c Write **four** dialogues of two lines using *must have*, *might have*, *could(n't) have*, and *should(n't)*.