

Modal Verbs of Speculation about the Past - exercise

1. After Mildred hung up the phone, she was very upset. Peter have told her something disturbing.

a) can't

b) must

2. I can't find my keys. I have lost them in the bus.

a) could

b) couldn't

3. The grass is wet. It have rained last night.

a) can't

b) must

4. The grass is dry. It have rained last night.

a) can't

b) must

5. I assume that Sara didn't attend the meeting because she have not known about it.

a) may

b) must

6. We were so lucky. We have got lost but we didn't.

a) can't

b) could

7. You have seen David yesterday, he was out of town.

a) can't

b) could

8. Karen is not at home. She have gone to work.

a) can't

b) may

9. Where is my umbrella? I have forgotten it in the office.

a) can't

b) must

10. Do you think Dennis got my message? He have.

a) couldn't

b) might

Key:

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3. The grass is wet. It must have rained last night.
4. The grass is dry. It can't have rained last night.
5. I assume that Sara didn't attend the meeting because she may have not known about it.
6. We were so lucky. We could have got lost but we didn't
7. You can't have seen David yesterday, he was out of town.
8. Karen is not at home. She may have gone to work.
9. Where is my umbrella? I must have forgotten it in the office.
10. 'Do you think Dennis got my message?' 'He might have.'