

Modal verbs of deduction: past

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★ 1 Sottolinea l'alternativa corretta.

- I don't know why John didn't come to the party: he *may* / *can't* have been busy.
- Steven isn't in the office: he *must* / *can't* have gone home.
- Joe's very clever: he *must* / *might* have passed all his exams with top marks.
- Sarah can't find her glasses: she *might* / *can't* have left them at the restaurant.
- The man is in prison now: he *can't* / *could* have robbed the bank yesterday.
- It's eight o'clock and Helen's in bed already: she *can't* / *must* have been very tired.
- Paul's late: he *can't* / *might not* have heard the alarm.
- This is not Tudor Square: we *can't* / *must* have taken the wrong road.
- Someone's left their mobile here: it *might* / *can't* have been Amy or Sheila.
- Tom missed his train this morning: he *can't* / *must* have arrived on time at the office.

★★ 2 Completa le frasi con i verbi dati.

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| ▪ must have missed | ▪ can't have been |
| ▪ could have borrowed | ▪ may not have seen |
| ▪ might have told | ▪ must have been |
| ▪ can't have forgotten | ▪ must have caught |
| ▪ can't have gone | ▪ must have lost |

- I can't find my ticket. I _____ it.
- Jack was in his office five minutes ago: he _____ home already.
- James had three sandwiches. He _____ very hungry.
- The driver didn't stop because he _____ the red light.
- Betty was very late last night: she _____ the last bus.
- Caroline looks very brown: the weather _____ bad on her holiday.
- A** Who told Rob about the party?
B I'm not sure: Clare _____ him.
- Here's Sally already. She _____ the earlier train.
- You _____ his name: I've just introduced you to him.
- I saw Jenny with lots of books: she _____ them from the library.

★★ 3 Scrivi una frase per ogni situazione usando i suggerimenti dati tra parentesi e *must have*, *might* / *may* / *could have* o *can't have*.

- The streets are white this morning.
(it / snow / during the night)

- The computer's on.
(Jack / forget / switch it off)

- I wonder why Ben hasn't arrived yet.
(he / get lost)

- Sylvia only had a small salad.
(she / be / very hungry)

- There's a lot of food in the fridge.
(mum / do / shopping)

- Steven passed all his exams.
(he / study / very hard)

- Diana looked terrible yesterday.
(she / be / very well)

- I don't know why Neil didn't come to the concert last night. (he / work / late)

- Tom's car is here.
(he / drive / to work)

- I wonder why Brian hasn't called me.
(you / give / him / wrong number)

★★★ 4 TRANSLATION Traduci.

- Fa freddo: Pauline deve essersi dimenticata di chiudere le finestre.
- Non puoi aver già finito di fare i compiti!
- Steven deve essere arrivato in ufficio molto presto questa mattina.
- John potrebbe non aver ricevuto il tuo messaggio.
- I tuoi amici non possono essere arrivati: il loro aereo è in ritardo.
- Le strade sono bagnate: deve aver piovuto molto.
- Jack non è venuto: potrebbe aver avuto un'altra riunione.
- Liz si è rotta un braccio: deve aver avuto un incidente.
- Sue non può essersi dimenticata del tuo compleanno.
- Charles potrebbe aver invitato Jason alla festa.