

Complete the following sentences with *could*, *managed to* or *couldn't*.

- 1 The smoke was so thick that you _____ breathe.
- 2 The man in front of me fell down. He was heavy but somehow I _____ help him to stand up.
- 3 The doors at the back were locked, so at first we _____ open them.
- 4 We tried to break the doors down, but we _____ do it.
- 5 Then someone broke the lock on the doors on the other side and a few fans _____ escape.
- 6 I was one of them. I just _____ get out alive.
- 7 When I got out, I turned around and looked. I _____ see a lot of fire-engines, police cars and ambulances.
- 8 The firemen worked all night and finally _____ put the fire out early the next morning.
- 9 You _____ smell the smoke for days after the fire.

Two meanings of *must* ➤

What's the difference?

- a) In future, stadiums must be inspected regularly.
 - b) The fire must have been started by a cigarette.
 - c) Someone must have dropped one.
 - d) The families must be feeling terrible.
 - e) We must improve safety regulations.
 - f) The football clubs must take some responsibility for this.
- In which sentences is the speaker making a guess?
• Which sentences sound like an order or recommendation?

Give two possible meanings for this sentence.

You must work hard.

Rephrase these recommendations using *must* or *must not*.

Example: Keep emergency exits open at all times.

➤ *Emergency exits must be kept open at all times.*

- 1 It's important to provide protective clothing.
You _____ protective clothing.
- 2 It's important to check the fire extinguishers regularly.
You _____ fire extinguishers.
- 3 Clear rubbish away from under the stands.
Rubbish _____ from under the stands.
- 4 Don't lock the doors when there are people in the stadium.
Doors _____ when there are people in the stadium.
- 5 It's essential that such a tragedy does not happen again.
Such a tragedy _____ again.
- 6 It would be awful if we forgot this terrible lesson.
We _____ this terrible lesson.

Rewrite the following sentences using *must do*, *must be doing*, *must have done*, or *must have been doing*.

- 1 I'm sure people are worried about their friends and families.
People _____ about their friends and families.
- 2 I'm sure John knows some of the people who were there.
John _____ some of the people who were there.
- 3 I'm sure some of the fans are feeling very angry.
Some of the fans _____ very angry.
- 4 I'm sure your parents are looking for you.
Your parents _____ for you.
- 5 I'm sure somebody realized how dangerous it was.
Somebody _____ how dangerous it was.
- 6 I'm sure someone has seen my son.
Someone _____ my son.
- 7 I'm sure someone was smoking in the stands.
Someone _____ in the stands.
- 8 I'm sure John was watching the match on TV.
John _____ the match on TV.

Read through the following sentences. Then write down what each speaker might say next, using *must*.

Example: We haven't got much time to get to the airport.

➤ *We must leave now.*

Sarah usually leaves home at 8.30 and it's 9.30 now.

➤ *She must have left home an hour ago.*

- 1 This exam is important but you don't study enough.

- 2 If you go on smoking so heavily, you'll ruin your health.

- 3 Sarah was all alone in that dark house when she heard the burglar break in. Can you imagine it?

- 4 She got up this morning at 6, took the children to school, worked all day, cooked supper for her family, did the washing-up and now it's midnight and she's still working.

- 5 I was driving along the road, and I was tired, and the next thing I knew I was upside down in a field.

- 6 Look, Mr Simpkins is getting into a police car. And he's got handcuffs on.

- 7 Now, you're going away for three months, and you know how much your mother will miss you.

- 8 All right. Your father and I will let you go to the party tomorrow evening but remember what we've told you.
