

Modal verbs (can/must/would) etc.

1. Complete B's sentences using can / could / might / must / should / would + the verb in brackets. In some sentences you need to use have: must have... / should have... etc. In some sentences you need the negative (can't/couldn't etc.).

- 1 A: I'm hungry.
 B: But you've just had lunch. You can't be hungry already. (be)
- 2 A: I haven't seen our neighbours for ages.
 B: No. They must have gone away. (go)
- 3 A: What's the weather like? Is it raining?
 B: Not at the moment but it could (might / may rain) later. (rain)
- 4 A: Where has Julia gone?
 B: I'm not sure. She might / could have gone to the bank. (go)
- 5 A: I didn't see you at John's party last week.
 B: No, I had to work that evening, so I couldn't go. (go)
- 6 A: I saw you at John's party last week.
 B: No, you didn't. You couldn't / can't have seen me. I didn't go to John's party. (see)
- 7 A: When did you post the letter to Mary?
 B: This morning. So she should get it tomorrow. (get)
- 8 A: When was the last time you saw Bill?
 B: Years ago. I might not / wouldn't recognise him if I saw him now. (recognise)
- 9 A: Did you hear the explosion?
 B: What explosion?
 A: There was a loud explosion a few minutes ago. You must have heard it. (hear)
- 10 A: We weren't sure which way to go. In the end we turned right.
 B: You went the wrong way. You should have turned left. (turn)

2. Make sentences from the words in brackets.

- 1 Don't phone Ann now. (she might / have / lunch)
She might be having lunch.
- 2 I ate too much. Now I feel sick. (I shouldn't / eat / so much)
I shouldn't have eaten so much.
- 3 I wonder why Tom didn't phone me. (he must / forget)
He must have forgotten.
- 4 Why did you go home so early? (you needn't / go / home so early)
You needn't have gone home so early.
- 5 You've signed the contract. (it / can't / change / now)
It can't be changed now.
- 6 'What's Linda doing?' 'I'm not sure.' (she may / watch / television)
She may be watching TV.
- 7 Ann was standing outside the cinema. (she must / wait / for somebody)
She must have been waiting for somebody.
- 8 He was in prison at the time that the crime was committed, so (he couldn't / do / it).
He couldn't have done it.
- 9 Why weren't you here earlier? (you ought / be / here earlier)
You ought to have been here earlier.
- 10 Why didn't you ask me to help you? (I would / help / you)
I would have helped you.
- 11 I'm surprised nobody told you that the road was very dangerous. (you should / warn)
You should have been warned.
- 12 George was in a strange mood yesterday. (he might not / feel / very well)
He might not have been feeling very well.
He might not have felt very well.