

PRACTICE WITH SIMPLE AND PERFECT MODALS (1° Bach.)

1 Choose the correct answer.

- You broke my necklace! You ... been more careful!
a. should have b. must have
- It's beautiful. You ... given me a nicer present.
a. wouldn't have b. couldn't have
- I think James ... got lost. He's never late.
a. might have b. should have
- I ... bought milk, but I didn't know we needed more.
a. may have b. would have

2 Complete the sentences using a suitable modal perfect and the correct form of the verb in brackets. There may be more than one possible answer.

- It was wrong of Glen to be so rude. He (not behave) that way.
- Maggie (write) sooner, but she didn't find an Internet café until yesterday.
- I can't remember for sure, but I (not lock) the front door.
- Something (happen) to Steve. He always calls when he's late.

3 Complete the passages using the modals and modal perfects below and the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use each modal or modal perfect once only.

TEENS IN THE NEWS

can ■ could ■ couldn't have

- you (use) some assistance organising your desk, your cupboard and your room? Tidy Teens
- (help). This student-run group raises money for charity by cleaning up. "We didn't realise it when we started, but we
-(think) of a better way to raise money," says 17-year-old Brian Mason, who helped establish the group.

must have ■ be able to ■ shouldn't have ■ should have ■ have to

- Carol Dahl 4. (think) she was dreaming when she heard that she'd won the national secondary-school essay contest. "I didn't believe it," she explains. "I just laughed at first, which I probably
- (do)." The prize, a cheque for £1,000, will be awarded to Carol at a ceremony in March. "I 6. (guess) that there would be a price to pay for the award – and there is.
 7. (write) a speech to give at the ceremony," Carol says. "I'm pretty nervous but I hope I 8. (do) a good job."

4 Complete the sentences with the modal perfects below and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

should have ■ couldn't have ■ must not have ■ would have ■ could have

must have ■ might have ■ shouldn't have

- I'm not sure where Don went. He (go) to buy bread.
- I'm sorry I'm so late. You (think) I wasn't coming.
- You (bring) the new world music CD. I wanted to listen to it while we studied.
- She (buy) three T-shirts, but she only had enough money for one.
- I really upset Shari. I (tell) her the terrible news about Jim.
- They decided to stay at a hotel, although they (stay) at our house. We insisted that they were welcome.
- That cake was incredibly delicious. It (be) better.
- My swimming costume's not in the suitcase. I (pack) it.

5 Rewrite the sentences with suitable modals or modal perfects. There may be more than one possible answer.

1. It was a bad idea to eat in this restaurant.
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2. There's a chance that we'll have a test today.
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3. I'm sure I left my sunglasses at the café.
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4. You have got no reason to be concerned about Ted.
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5. It's a shame you didn't ask me earlier.
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6. Donella doesn't know how to speak English very well.
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6 Complete the passage with suitable modals or modal perfects, and the correct form of the verb in brackets. Some answers may vary.

Teens in the news

Tom Brinks was supposed to have stayed in school all morning but he 1. (leave) because he had forgotten his maths book, so he went home to get it. However, he ended up catching a burglar instead. "When I got to my house, I saw that the front door was open. Then, through a window, I saw a man," the 15-year-old student explained. "I 2. (confront) him myself, but I decided to call the police from my mobile phone instead. They came at once." According to Officer Mike Smith, "Without Tom's help, we 3. never (catch) the burglar, who we now know was responsible for many recent burglaries in the north London area."

Sixteen-year-old Kelly Jones' application 4. (impress) the administrators of the new Learn Abroad student exchange programme, because out of over 1,000 applicants, only ten were accepted – including Kelly. "When I got the news, I 5. (be) happier!" says London-born Kelly, who decided to request a placement in Athens. "I 6. (choose) to go to any of 16 countries, but I eventually decided on Greece," says Kelly, who will be living with a family in Athens. To Kelly's relief, everyone in the family 7. (speak) English. And although exchange students 8. (know) the language of their host country prior to going, they all 9. (study) it while abroad. "The language classes are mandatory, but I don't mind," says Kelly. "I think that knowing Greek will make it easier for me to socialise and understand the culture." Is she nervous about going? Kelly smiles and says, "Maybe I 10. (be) nervous, but I'm not. In fact, I 11. (wait) to go."