

GRAMMAR

Modal perfects of speculation

- 1 Put the words in the correct order to make the first part of sentences.

- 1 have / new / night / can't / the / film / last / you / seen / Spielberg

- 2 might / exam / our / failed / Science / have / we

- 3 town / might / have / yesterday / seen / in / Joe / not / you

- 4 bus / mobile / you / left / your / on / have / the / can't

- 5 turning / must / have / we / missed / a

- 6 not / the / heard / might / have / exam / Carly / about

- 2 Match each sentence half in exercise 1 with the correct continuation.

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| A because he didn't have his glasses on! | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B because we walked here. Remember! | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C because it was so hard. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D because it wasn't on at that cinema. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E because she's not in our English class. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F because this definitely isn't the right way. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 3 Complete the dialogue with a modal perfect and the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one modal is possible.

- A: Okay detective, so what clues do we have?
 B: Well, we know the incident¹ _____
 (take place) between 10pm and midnight because the family was out then.
 A: And how did the intruder get in?
 B: Well, we found a ladder at the back of the house so we think perhaps he² _____
 (climb) through an open window.
 A: And how did he escape?
 B: We know he³ _____ (use) the same window again; they were all locked from the inside. We think he⁴ _____ (unlock) the front door and just walked out.
 A: Did he use a vehicle?
 B: We're not sure. There are some footprints in the garden so he⁵ _____ (run away), but he⁶ _____ (steal) the family car because that's missing.
 A: So what you're saying is, you don't really know anything!

- 4 Complete the sentences with a modal perfect and the correct form of the verb in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 I _____ (leave) my P.E. kit in my locker. I can't find it anywhere.
- 2 You _____ (see) Libby in town yesterday. She's away this weekend.
- 3 They _____ (receive) your email. Why don't you ring them?
- 4 The police _____ (solve) the mystery yet. They're still looking for witnesses.
- 5 Sally _____ (be) delighted with her exam results. She thought she'd failed.

- 5 Complete the news report. Use modals and the correct perfect form of the verbs in the box.

abandon be go leave take use

On Friday 4th December 1872, the *Mary Celeste* was found in the Atlantic Ocean, with no one on board. There are many theories about what happened. The captain and crew¹ _____ the ship to escape pirates but that seems unlikely given that there were no signs of a struggle. At the time, weather conditions were good, so the crew² _____ the ship because of bad weather. There was a lot of water on board the ship and only one pump was working properly, so this³ _____ why the captain ordered his crew to leave, but the ship was not in danger of sinking. All the ship's papers were missing, but the captain's logbook was still on board. The only lifeboat was missing, so it is assumed that the captain and crew⁴ _____ it to escape the ship. Some of the ship's cargo was also missing, so the captain and crew⁵ _____ it with them or it⁶ _____ missing at any point during the ship's voyage. What really happened?

- 6 Write your own theory about the *Mary Celeste*.
