

Modals: Perfective Modals

FORM: **MODAL VERB + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE** – it is used to talk about something in the past and lets you apply the modals to past situations.

<u>MODAL</u>	<u>USES</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
MAY HAVE	less than 50% certainty	They <u>may have been</u> at the seminar.
MIGHT HAVE	less than 50% certainty	He <u>might have been</u> to the cinema.
SHOULD HAVE	advisability	I <u>should have stayed</u> home when I was sick, but I didn't.
	expectation	She <u>should have done</u> well at the recital. She rehearsed a lot.
OUGHT TO HAVE	advisability	I <u>ought to have gotten</u> the car checked, but I didn't.
	expectation	She <u>ought to have won</u> the talent competition.
MUST HAVE	deduction	Jenny <u>must have been</u> worried.
COULD HAVE	possibility	He <u>could have gone</u> home.
CAN'T HAVE	negative deduction	She <u>can't have passed</u> the exam. She didn't study.
COULDN'T HAVE	negative deduction	She <u>couldn't have passed</u> the exam. She didn't study.
WOULD HAVE	condition	I <u>would have complained</u> if I had been there.
WILL HAVE	speculation	Don't bother phoning her home phone number. She <u>will have left</u> already.

Complete the following using *PERFECTIVE MODALS*.

1. That was a bad decision she made. I (do) _____ things differently.
2. If you had asked me, I (go) _____.
3. I don't like chocolate. I (not - take) _____ it.
4. There's no one in the office. They (go) _____ out for lunch.
5. She called me first thing this morning. She (know) _____ that I wanted to talk to her.
6. When you went to Paris you (see) _____ it. It's a great big tower, made of metal bars, near the Trocadéro.
7. Oh, you went to New Brunswick and you didn't eat lobster. You (try) _____ it!
8. You (think) _____ about bringing your umbrella when you went to London.
9. Joanne just had her house renovated. You (speak) _____ to her before you hired a contractor.
10. Pete knows about the surprise party! Christine (tell) _____ him.

Complete the following sentences using *PERFECTIVE MODAL forms*.

1. He didn't return my book; he _____.
2. Tony's umbrella is missing; he _____.
3. Paula fell asleep in class this morning; she _____.
4. Nobody is home; they _____.
5. Helen seems to know a lot about Mexico; she _____.
6. I can't find my keys; I _____.
7. The money is missing; John _____.
8. This radio is very expensive; you _____.