Test MODULE 9

Modal verbs

Choose the best answer, A, B or C.

1	I'd like to sing well. A can B have ability to C be able to	► Unit 46
2	We ran out of milk last night but I buy some at the corner shop. A could B was able to C can't	► Unit 46
3	The buses get very crowded before they built the new Underground. A could B can C were able to	► Unit 46
4	It took us a long time, but eventually we manageda refund. A to get B get C getting	➤ Unit 46
5	This be your book. It's got your name on it. A can B must C perhaps	➤ Unit 47
6	It's quite a popular course. There be any places left on it. A might not B must not C could not	➤ Unit 47
7	The heating's been on all day so there plenty of hot water for your bat A could be B should be C can't be	h. ► Unit 47
8	Everything's soaking wet. It have rained very heavily last night. A should B could C must	➤ Unit 48
9	I to football practice yesterday but I had a bit of a stomachache. A can't go B s <mark>hould have gone</mark> C couldn't have gone	➤ Unit 48
10	It's eight o'clock. We leave now. A 've got to B are have to C 've got	➤ Unit 49
11	When we arrived at the gate, we show our passports. A must B had got to C had to	➤ Unit 49
12	You take any of the confidential files home. It's against company rules A don't have to B haven't got to C mustn't	➤ Unit 49
13	I'm really putting on weight. I some exercise. A need doing B have need do C need to do	► Unit 50
14	I my car so I left it at home and came on the bus. A needn't have brought B didn't need to bring C haven't needed to bring	g≻ Unit 50
15	That cut looks bad. We phone for an ambulance. <mark>A 'd bette</mark> r B must better C should have	► Unit 51
16	I'm really sorry. I said all those terrible things about you. A shouldn't B <mark>shouldn't hav</mark> e C mustn't have	► Unit 51
17	'Excuse me. May I take a photograph?' 'No, I'm afraid you' A mightn't B couldn't C <mark>can't</mark>	► Unit 52
18	Our teacher was sick, so we leave school early yesterday. <mark>A were allowed</mark> to B could C might	► Unit 52
19	One more thing, madam you confirm your date of birth? A Would B May l C Shall	► Unit 53
20	'I'm starving!' 'OK. I you something from the fridge.' A 'm getting <mark>B 'll get</mark> C get	► Unit 53

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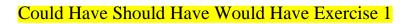
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MODALS, PAST TENSE; some modals don't have the past tense. You can still use them in the past (see structure below) but the meaning is slightly different (regret, assumption, guess in the past)

+ HAVE+Past Participle

could should must might



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She should have done

He must have been

She could have listened

- 1. I <u>could have bought</u> (buy) bread but I didn't know we needed it. (past possibility)
- 2. We <u>shouldn't have invited</u> (invite) so many people to our party! I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone. (past negative advice / regret)
- 3. I <u>should have</u> (start) saving money years ago! (past advice / regret)
- 4. We <u>would have joined</u> (join) you at the restaurant, but we couldn't get a babysitter. (past willingness)
- 5. The weather <u>couldn't have been</u> (be) any worse! (past negative possibility)
- 6. I <u>couldn't have arrived</u> (arrive) on time, even if I'd left earlier.
 - There were dreadful traffic jams all the way. (past negative possibility)
- 7. They <u>could have won</u> (win) the football match, but John hurt his ankle. (past possibility)
- 8. Amanda <u>would have finished</u> (finish) the work, but she felt ill and had to go home. (past willingness)
- 9. Lucy <u>should have left</u> (left) earlier. She missed her flight. (past advice / regret)
- 10. We <u>couldn't have finished</u> (finish) the game, even if we'd wanted to. It was raining very hard and we had to stop. (past negative possibility)
- 11. I <u>shouldn't have eaten</u> (eat) so much chocolate! I feel sick! (past negative advice / regret)
- 12. Luke <u>could have studied</u> (pass) the exam if he'd studied a bit more. (past possibility)

This is ALSO a conditional sentence, 3rd type

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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

Language Focus Modals of Probability (also called `Modals of Speculation') for talking about the past

Level Intermediate

ANSWER KEY

- I saw my friend run quickly to school.
 She must have been late.
- All the chocolates are gone!
 Tommy might have eaten them.
- I think Steven drove to work today.
 No, he can't have driven!
- The police shot a man in the bank.
 He must have been a robber.
- Where did Rob and Kim go on holiday?
 They could have flown to Poland.
- Who broke the coffee cup yesterday?
 Sarah may have dropped it.

NOTE: We use 'been' with ...

- 1) Nouns Example: "It must have been a <u>spider</u>."
- 2) Verbs + 'ing' Example: "She might have been sleeping."
- 3) Adjectives Example: "He could have been bored."
- 4) Prepositions Example: "It can't have been in the kitchen."

Here are some examples of modals of probability WITHOUT 'been' ...

- "She must have studied in the morning."
- "They can't have <u>slept</u> well last night."
- "He might have <u>bought</u> a new car."

Notice that each modal + have is followed by a past participle verb.



