

Modal Perfect



A: Rewrite each sentence beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

1. You were wrong to study so late! You shouldn't
2. Did you manage to stop him? Were
3. It wasn't necessary to work hard. I didn't
4. Perhaps Tim has lost his way. Tim might
5. It was possible for you to hurt yourself. You could
6. It would have been a good idea to tell me. You should.....
7. I'm sure the class enjoyed it. The class must
8. I helped her but it wasn't necessary. I needn't
9. It was a mistake to leave. You ought
10. I'm sure the butler didn't do it. The butler can't

B: For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using **no more than three words**. **Contractions count as one word**.

1. I'm sure you dropped your wallet at the bus stop.
You **must have dropped** your wallet at the bus stop.
2. Maybe Joanna missed the last bus.
Joanna _____ the last bus.
3. Peter knew how to skate when he was twelve.
Peter _____ skate when he was twelve.
4. Emma was wrong not to tell you the answer.
Emma _____ you the answer.
5. It wasn't necessary for us to pay to get in.
We _____ pay to get in.
6. I'm sure that Diana didn't take your books.
Diana _____ your books.
7. Perhaps David didn't notice you.
David _____ noticed you.
8. Terry arrived early, but it wasn't necessary.
Terry _____ arrived early.
9. It wasn't necessary for me to buy any food yesterday.
I didn't _____ any food yesterday.
10. It was a bad idea for us to be rude to the policeman!
We _____ been rude to the policeman!



C: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, **using the word given**. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. It wasn't necessary for me to go out after all. **Have**
I **needn't have gone out** after all
2. There was a plan for Jack to become manager, but he left. **Was**
Jackmanager, but he left.
3. It was a mistake for you to buy that car. **Bought**
Youthat car.
4. I don't think that Sally enjoyed her holiday. **Have**
Sally.....enjoyed her holiday.
5. It's possible that Bill saw me. **May**
Bill.....me.
6. I'm sure that Karen was a beautiful baby. **Been**
Karen..... a beautiful baby.
7. Perhaps Alan didn't mean what he said. **Meant**
Alanwhat he said.
8. It's possible that I left my wallet at home. **Could**
Imy wallet at home.
9. I think you were wrong to sell your bike. **Shouldn't**
Youbike.
10. The only thing I could do was run away! **Had**

D: Complete each sentence so that it contains the words in bold

1. I'm completely soaked! We **should have taken an umbrella**.
should / umbrella
2. I've lost my bag. I think I
must / bus
3. I tried to phone Sam, but I
couldn't / get through
4. I forgot Kate's birthday. I
should / present
5. The cat doesn't like fruit! It.....
can't / orange
6. Jo isn't here yet. I suppose she
might / address
7. I did badly in the test. I
ought / harder
8. It's a shame we didn't go on holiday. We
could/ fun