

SELF-STUDY: *Forms of Modals*

Directions: Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the word in parentheses. Add **not** if necessary for a sentence to make sense.

- Part A: I need to see Tim. Where is he?
Part B: In his room. Knock on his door softly. He (*take*) _____ a nap.
- When I walked into the room, the TV was on but the room was empty. Dad (*watch*) _____ TV a short while before I came into the room. He (*forget*) _____ to turn the TV off before he left the room.
- Michael wanted to go to the ballet, but he delayed buying a ticket and now they're all sold out. He (*buy*) _____ his ticket weeks ago. He (*wait*) _____ until now to try to get a ticket.
- Bill was pulled over by a police officer yesterday morning. He (*drive*) _____ too fast when she clocked him on her radar. She gave him a ticket.
- The staff (*plan*) _____ very well for the brunch. There are still ten people waiting to eat, and there's not enough food left.
- Part A: Why didn't John answer the teacher when she asked him a question?
Part B: He was busy staring out the window. He (*daydream*) _____ . He (*pay*) _____ attention. He (*stare*) _____ out the window during class yesterday.
- Part A: Where's your unicycle?
Part B: I am not sure. One of my friends (*borrow*) _____ it. Gee, I hope it wasn't stolen. Maybe Susie borrowed it.
Part A: Susie? She (*borrow*) _____ it. She has a broken leg. Why would she want to borrow your bicycle?
- George didn't do very well on the test because he didn't understand what he was supposed to do. He (*listen*) _____ very carefully when the teacher gave out the instructions.
- Part A: June was really upset when she found out that somebody had told Alex about the surprise birthday party she gave him last night. She thinks Cliff told him.
Part B: Cliff (*tell*) _____ him about it. He was out of town until just before the party. He barely arrived there in time from the airport.
- Part A: Bart has two full-time jobs this summer to make some extra cash for school in the fall. He (*have*) _____ very much time to rest and do other things.
Part B: That might explain why nobody answered the door when I stopped by his house a short while ago. He (*sleep*) _____ .
- Part A: Kenya just bought a new car, and now she's looking for an apartment.
Part B: She (*make*) _____ a lot of money at her new job.

12. Part A: Where's that cold air coming from?

Part B: Someone (*leave*) _____ the door open.

13. Part A: The roads are dangerous this morning. In some places, they're nothing but a sheet of ice. I (*take*) _____ the bus to work this morning instead of driving my car. I thought I'd never make it.

Part B: I know. It's bad outside. Jack still hasn't arrived. He (*walk*) _____ to work right now in this mess. He doesn't live too far away, and I know he hates to drive on icy roads.

Part A: He (*decide*) _____ not to come in at all. He (*work*) _____ on his report at home this morning. I'll check with his secretary. He (*call*) _____ her by now.

SELF-STUDY: Modal Practice Exercise.

*Directions: A student dropped out of the course during the first few weeks of class. Change the possible reasons below from **maybe** to **may have**, **might have**, or **could have**. Use the word in parentheses.*

EXAMPLE: Maybe he registered for the wrong section. (may)

He may have registered for the wrong section.

1. Maybe he preferred an earlier class. (could)
2. Maybe he wanted to change to his friend's class. (might)
3. Maybe his class was too hard for him. (may)
4. Maybe this class was too easy for him. (might)
5. Maybe someone in his family got sick. (could)
6. Maybe he didn't like the teacher. (may)
7. Maybe he thought the class was too large. (could)
8. Maybe he found a full-time job. (might)
9. Maybe he had a lot of problems at home. (may)

Directions: Make a statement about the possible reasons for the following.

EXAMPLE: Linda was yawning during the lesson.

She could have been bored.

She might have gone to bed late last night.

1. Linda didn't finish her dinner last night.
2. She didn't answer the phone last night.
3. She didn't participate in the lesson yesterday.
4. She did the wrong assignment.

5. There were many police cars at her house last night.
6. She came to class late today.
7. She looks very tired today.
8. Her family never received her letter.