

SELF-STUDY: MODALS AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS

Directions: Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- Fred _____ sleep on a mattress than on the carpet.
a. shall b. could c. would d. must
- Justin painted his bedroom black. It looks dark and dreary. He _____ a different color.
a. had to choose b. should have chosen
c. must have chosen d. could have been choosing
- Billy is sitting at his desk. He's reading his biology text because he has an exam tomorrow. He _____.
a. could study b. should be studying
c. will study d. must be studying
- When Mr. Teel was younger, he _____ work in the garden for hours on end, but now he has to take frequent rests because he has asthma.
a. has got to b. can
c. should be able to d. could
- Whenever my parents went out for breakfast in the morning, I _____ the job of taking care of my younger sister.
a. would get b. should get
c. must have gotten d. had better get
- Yesterday, I _____ to an antique store. I bought an old lamp there.
a. could go b. went
c. could have gone d. ought to have gone
- Jeremy and Ann were mischievous children. They _____ pranks on their teachers, which always got them into a lot of trouble.
a. could play b. used to play
c. could have played d. may have played
- Part A: Did you enjoy the brunch?
Part B: It was okay, but I'd rather _____ to see a movie.
a. go b. be going
c. have gone d. went
- Ricky has a new car. He _____ it for a very good price. He paid 40 percent less than the actual retail price.
a. could buy b. had to buy
c. was supposed to buy d. was able to buy
- Part A: Why are you so sure that Lara didn't commit the crime she's been accused of committing?
Part B: She _____ that crime because I was with her, and we were out of town on that day.
a. may not have committed b. wasn't supposed to commit
c. committed d. couldn't have committed

20. Part A: I left a muffin on the counter, but now it's gone. What happened to it?

Part B. I don't know. One of the kids _____ it.

a. may have eaten

b. could eat

c. had to eat

d. should have eaten