## **Past Modal Verbs of Deduction Exercise**

She must have gone out	- There is strong evidence.
I might have made a mistake	- There is a possibility that I made a mistake.
He can't have been there.	- It's impossible.
You <b>should have</b> apologised	- A criticism
You <b>shouldn't have</b> said that.	- A criticism

A Fill the gaps with must have, might have or can't have.

1	Shestudied really hard. She passed all her exams with excellent grades.	
2	You shouted at him. He'll never forgive you.	
3	He arrived by now. It's only a 20 minute journey.	
4	The concert was fantastic. You really come.	
5	The boss is in a terrible mood. The meeting been good.	
6	Sarah been so happy when she found out she was being promoted.	
7	I had to wait 45 minutes for a bus yesterday. There been an accident or maybe a strike	
8	He bought a new car. He doesn't have any money.	
9	Andrew did no revision for the exam but he's passed. I think he cheated.	
10	I left my bicycle in front of the library and it's disappeared. Someone stolen it.	
11	Clara was very upset with you yesterday. You apologised for saying she was lazy.	
12	John has forgotton about the meeting. We reminded him about it yesterday.	
13	I'm sorry but Samantha isn't here. She already left the office.	
14	You tried to fix the roof yourself. You might have fallen off and been badly injured.	
15	Heknown it was your birthday. Otherwise, I'm sure he would have wished you a happy day.	
<b>B</b> Now write some examples of your own.		
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## **Answers**

- She must have studied really hard. She passed all her exams with excellent grades.
- You shouldn't have shouted at him. He'll never forgive you.
- He **must have** arrived by now. It's only a 20 minute journey. The concert was fantastic. You really **should have** come.
- 5 The boss is in a terrible mood. The meeting can't have been good.
- Sarah must have been so happy when she found out she was being promoted.
- I had to wait 45 minutes for a bus yesterday. There **might have** been an accident or maybe a strike. He **can't have** bought a new car. He doesn't have any money.
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- I left my bicycle in front of the library and it's disappeared. Someone **must have** stolen it. Clara was very upset with you yesterday. You **should have** apologised for saying she was lazy.
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- I'm sorry but Samantha isn't here. She must have already left the office.
- You shouldn't have tried to fix the roof yourself. You might have fallen off and been badly injured.
- 15 He can't have known it was your birthday. Otherwise, I'm sure he would have wished you a happy

