THE FLATMATES
Quiz:
Modals – past possibilities, certainties and deductions
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For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. I’m surprised he wasn’t at the party. He...
   a. must has forgotten
   b. must to has forgotten
   c. must have forgotten
   d. must to have forgotten

2. The bus is really late today. It...
   a. might have broken down
   b. might have broke down
   c. might have break down
   d. might have breaks down

3. You ... have seen David at work, he’s on holiday in France.
   a. could
   b. can’t
   c. must
   d. might

4. I’m not sure. They ... have done it. Or perhaps not.
   a. must
   b. could
   c. can’t
   d. can

5. Where’s my ticket? I must ... it on the train!
   a. have leave
   b. to have left
   c. left
   d. have left

6. I’m certain. Nobody else was there. She ... have taken it.
   a. could
   b. might
   c. may
   d. must
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Answers
1. I’m surprised he wasn’t at the party. He...
   a. must has forgotten - Wrong – you need an infinitive (without 'to') after the modal.
   b. must to has forgotten - Wrong – you need an infinitive without 'to' after the modal.
   c. must have forgotten - Correct – you have used the perfect infinitive.
   d. must to have forgotten - Wrong – ‘to’ isn’t used after a modal.

2. The bus is really late today. It...
   a. might have broken down - Correct – ‘broken’ is the past participle.
   b. might have broke down - Wrong – you need the past participle of ‘to break’.
   c. might have break down - Wrong – you need the past participle of ‘to break’.
   d. might have breaks down - Wrong – you need the past participle of ‘to break’.

3. You … have seen David at work, he’s on holiday in France.
   a. could - Wrong – you need a modal which shows that the speaker is certain that David is on holiday and not at work.
   b. can’t - Correct – David is certainly not at work, he is on holiday.
   c. must - Wrong - you need a modal which shows that the speaker is certain David is not at work.
   d. might - Wrong – you need a modal which shows that the speaker is certain David is not at work.

4. I’m not sure. They … have done it. Or perhaps not.
   a. must - Wrong – you need a modal which shows that the speaker is not certain.
   b. could - Correct – this means the speaker is not certain.
   c. can’t - Wrong – you need a modal which shows that the speaker is not certain.
   d. can - Wrong – ‘can’ is not normally used to talk about the past.

5. Where’s my ticket? I must … it on the train!
   a. have leave - Wrong – you need the past participle of ‘to leave’.
   b. to have left - Wrong – ‘to’ is not used after a modal.
   c. left - Wrong – you need the perfect infinitive.
   d. have left – Correct – this is the perfect infinitive of ‘to leave’.

6. I’m certain. Nobody else was there. She … have taken it.
   a. could - Wrong – you need a modal which shows that the speaker is certain.
   b. might - Wrong – you need a modal which shows that the speaker is certain.
   c. may - Wrong – you need a modal which shows that the speaker is certain.
   d. must - Correct – the speaker is certain she took it.
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