Language quiz

Now let’s practise what you learned in the live lesson! Fix the mistakes in these sentences.

Here’s an example to help you:

*I must have won the art competition. My painting was awful!*

**Answer**

*I can’t have won the art competition. My painting was awful!*

1. He can’t have left his umbrella at home. He’s so wet!
2. You must have been very sick. You were only off for 1 day.
3. I might have eaten something bad. I don’t feel good.
4. She must have added too much flour. It’s a very dry cake!
5. He was very rude. The guests might have been shocked.
6. I couldn’t have gone to bed any earlier. I was at work until 10pm.
7. He must have committed the crime. He was only 5 years old when it happened!
8. It may have been me speeding. I don’t even know how to drive!

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
Speaking and writing practice

Now it’s time to practise writing and speaking! Imagine a crime has taken place. With a friend, use modals of deduction to talk about or write about which of your friends did it!

Example
A: Martin can’t have stolen the money because he’s already rich. It must have been Sabrina!
B: Yes, it might have been her because she was complaining about her old phone. She may have taken the money to buy a new one.
A: True! Although, Fiona may have taken it because she was the only one in the building yesterday.
B: You’re right. Fiona must have taken it!

Remember to pay attention to the pronunciation of have when speaking!

Answers to exercise on page 1

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