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# Answers

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. The stadium was jam-packed, because BTS was having a concert.

2. Lee Kun-Hee was the head of Samsung until his death.

3. I couldn't finish my meal, so I asked the waitress for a doggy bag.

4. A: hey! How are you doing?

B: Ok, but I had a fender bender as I was driving to school.

A: Oh no! Are you ok?

B: yes, thanks. My back's sore, but it's not too bad.

5. Mom: Listen son! Make sure you clean your room today!

Son: Yes, ma'am. I'll do it right away.

Later (son with friend)

Son: I'm tired of my Mom always nagging me. Do this! Do that!

Friend: My Mom's the same way. All Moms do that! (3 idioms)

6. He used to be a great baseball player, but he's washed up now after playing 15 years.

7. Teacher: Why did you miss class today?

Student: Ummmm... my pet turtle died.

Teacher: What? That sounds like a pretty lame excuse to me.

8. It's important to network with other people when you're looking for a job.

9. A: Did you see the movie, "Minari"?

B: Not yet! Why?

A: Oh! You should check it out. It's really good. (1 idiom)

10. A: hey! What's wrong?

B: I broke up with IU today?

A: Oh! That's a bummer. I'm sorry to hear that.

11. Students need to respect their teachers, but teachers need to respect their students too. It's a 2-way street.

12. A: One of my neighbors was hit by lightning last week.

B: Wow! That really is a fluke. That almost never happens.

13. I said hi to my neighbor, but he didn't say anything. he was very cold.

~~14.~~ I made some spaghetti last night and it turned out \_\_\_\_\_.

a. cold

b. doggy bag

c. jam-packed

d. bummer

e. turned out

f. fender bender

g. fluke

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Write the meanings for these idioms

([www.onlineslangdictionary.com](http://www.onlineslangdictionary.com))

1. DOB (Date of Birth)
2. make fun of (to tease)
3. it is what it is (resigned acceptance / you can't change the situation)
4. nightmare (#2) (terrible situation)
5. plan B (alternative or backup plan)
6. bookworm (a person who studies all the time)
7. pig-headed (stubborn)
8. pic (picture)
9. photoshop (change a photo to make somebody look better)
10. blah blah blah (pointless talk)
11. POTUS (President of the United States)
12. cyberspace (the internet)
13. presser (press conference)
14. pal (#1) (friend)
15. mmm (something tastes, looks, or smells good)
  - ow (something hurts)
  - eww (something is disgusting)
  - pu (something smells bad)
  - aww (something is cute)



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## PRONUNCIATION Reduction in past modals

**A** Listen and practice. Notice how **have** is reduced in these sentences.

He must **have** forgotten the date. She might **have** had a problem on the road.

**B** Listen and practice. Notice that **not** is not contracted or reduced in these sentences.

He may **not** have remembered it. She must **not** have caught her bus.

## 4 GRAMMAR FOCUS

### Past modals for degrees of certainty

#### It's almost certain.

She **must have left** already.

She **must not have turned on** her phone.

#### It's not possible.

She **couldn't have been** at home.

#### It's possible.

She **may/might have forgotten** the time.

She **may/might not have remembered** the time.

Her car **could have broken down**.

**A** Read each situation and choose the best explanation. Then practice with a partner.  
(Pay attention to the reduced forms in past modals.)

#### Situation

1. Maura couldn't keep her eyes open. **b**
2. Brian got a call and looked worried. **f**
3. The teacher looks very happy today. **a**
4. Jane is in a terrible mood today. **d**
5. Jeff was fired from his job. **c**
6. My cousin is broke again. **e**

#### Explanation

- a. He may have gotten a raise.
- b. She must not have gotten enough sleep.
- c. He might not have done his work on time.
- d. She could have had a fight with her boyfriend.
- e. She must have spent too much last month.
- f. He couldn't have heard good news.

**B PAIR WORK** Suggest different explanations for each situation in part A.

## 5 LISTENING Jumping to conclusions

**A GROUP WORK** What do you think happened? Offer an explanation for each event.



**B** Listen to the explanations for the two events in part A and take notes.  
What *did* happen? How similar were your explanations?



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That's a possibility.

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What do you think happened? Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

A bus overturned on the freeway yesterday.

1. slippery been road have the might
2. trouble the could engine bus had have
3. wheel off fallen a must have
4. fallen the have driver asleep may

The road might have been slippery.  
The bus could have had eng. tr.  
A wheel must have fallen off  
The driver may have fallen asleep.

The mayor didn't go to last night's fund-raiser.

5. have event forgotten couldn't she the
6. she not come wanted have must to
7. the might she had time have not
8. not may she felt have well

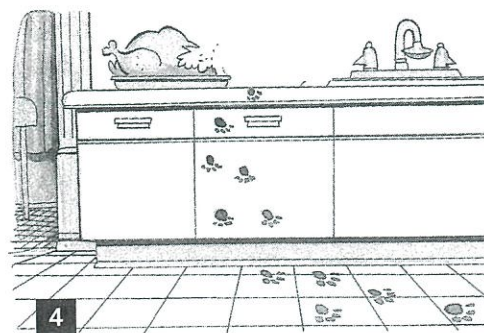
She couldn't have forgotten the event.  
She must not have wanted to come.  
She might not have had the time  
She may not have felt well

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What do you think happened? Write an explanation for each event using past modals.



1. Someone might have broken into the house.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_





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## Nouns and verbs

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A Complete the chart.

Noun	Verb	Noun	Verb
advice	advise	excuse	excuse
assumption	assume	prediction	predict
conclusion	conclude	suggestion	suggest
criticism	criticize	warning	warn

B Complete the sentences using words from the chart in part A. For the verbs, use *shouldn't have* + past participle. For the nouns, use the appropriate singular or plural form.

- Josh shouldn't have criticized me for wearing jeans and a T-shirt to a friend's party.
- Millie told me she wasn't married, so I thought she was single. I shouldn't have jumped to conclusions. Later, I found out that she was engaged to Joel.
- Justin shouldn't have suggested having a beach party. It was so cold that we all got sick.
- Phil shouldn't have assumed I would still be awake at midnight. I was asleep when he called.
- Jill said she was late because she got caught in traffic. Hmm! I've heard that excuse before.
- The weather report said it would rain today. Someone must have forgotten to look outside! That prediction was completely wrong. It's been sunny all day.
- My professor shouldn't have advised me to take a course in English literature. I have absolutely no interest in it.
- I'll give you just this one warning, but don't you ever ride my motorcycle without my permission again.

