

Use of English B2.1: inferir y revisar el pasado

Ficha 1 de 4 · Evidence and certainty

LA REGLA

Modal + have + participio mira al pasado. Must have deduce con pruebas fuertes; might/may/could have deja una posibilidad; can't/couldn't have descarta. Should have critica una acción omitida y shouldn't have una realizada. Needn't have indica que se hizo algo innecesario; didn't need to suele indicar que no se hizo. Comprueba los datos antes de elegir el grado de certeza.

¡Ojo! — el fallo típico. No escribas should of ni uses mustn't have para descartar un hecho pasado.

1

El registro de entrega confirma que el paquete llegó el lunes. Elige la deducción compatible.

- ☐ The parcel might have arrived on Friday.
- ☐ The parcel must have arrived on Monday.
- ☐ The parcel can't have arrived on Monday.

2

Nina estaba en París a la misma hora que la reunión en Roma. ¿Qué se descarta?

- ☐ Nina must have attended the Rome meeting in person.
- ☐ Nina may have attended the Rome meeting in person.
- ☐ Nina can't have attended the Rome meeting in person.

3

Nadie comprobó quién dejó la ventana abierta. Expresa solo una posibilidad.

- ☐ The cleaner might have left the window open.
- ☐ The cleaner must have left the window open.
- ☐ The cleaner can't have left the window open.

4

Enviaron el formulario un día tarde y perdieron el plazo. ¿Qué consejo llega tarde?

- ☐ They should have waited another day.
- ☐ They should have sent the form earlier.
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5

Mara imprimió copias, pero ya había suficientes. Indica que hacerlo era innecesario.

- ☐ Mara didn't need to print extra copies.
- ☐ Mara must have printed extra copies.
- ☐ Mara needn't have printed extra copies.

6

Leo supo que había copias suficientes y no imprimió ninguna.

- ☐ Leo didn't need to print extra copies.
- ☐ Leo needn't have printed extra copies.
- ☐ Leo should have printed extra copies.

7

Compartieron la contraseña y después se comprometió la cuenta. ¿Qué reproche expresa la acción realizada?

- ☐ They should have shared the password.
- ☐ They shouldn't have shared the password.
- ☐ They can't have shared the password.

8

La llave siguió sellada en la caja toda la noche. Habla solo de lo ocurrido esa noche.

- ☐ That key must have been used that night.
- ☐ That key might have been used that night.
- ☐ That key couldn't have been used that night.

9 Clasifica A–F por lo que expresa el modal.

A. She must have read the note. · B. She might have read the note. · C. We should have called. · D. They can't have left yet. · E. He may have taken the bus. · F. I shouldn't have replied. · G. The document could have been lost. · H. You should have kept a copy.

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- 2 Nina estaba en París a la misma hora que la reunión en Roma. ¿Qué se descarta? → Nina can't have attended the Rome meeting in person.
- 3 Nadie comprobó quién dejó la ventana abierta. Expresa solo una posibilidad. → The cleaner might have left the window open.
- 4 Enviaron el formulario un día tarde y perdieron el plazo. ¿Qué consejo llega tarde? → They should have sent the form earlier.
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- 8 La llave siguió sellada en la caja toda la noche. Habla solo de lo ocurrido esa noche. → That key couldn't have been used that night.
- 9 firm inference: A. She must have read the note., D. They can't have left yet. · open possibility: B. She might have read the note., E. He may have taken the bus., G. The document could have been lost. · late advice: C. We should have called., F. I shouldn't have replied., H. You should have kept a copy.