

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

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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 Clasifica A–F: ¿ocurrió la acción o no? Usa el contexto completo.

A. I needn't have cooked; they had eaten. · B. I didn't need to cook, so we went out. · C. We needn't have booked; seats were free. · D. We didn't need to book, so we just walked in. · E. She shouldn't have posted the draft; she did. · F. He should have replied, but he never did. · G. She didn't need to pay, so she kept her money. · H. They needn't have paid; the entry was free. · I. I should have saved the draft, but I did not. · J. We shouldn't have opened the box; we did.

done	not done

2 Clasifica A–F según hablen del presente o evalúen el pasado.

A. She must be at home. · B. She must have been at home. · C. They might know the route. · D. They might have known the route. · E. You should call now. · F. You should have called yesterday. · G. We cannot leave yet. · H. We couldn't have left then.

present	past

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- 2 present: A. She must be at home., C. They might know the route., E. You should call now., G. We cannot leave yet. · past: B. She must have been at home., D. They might have known the route., F. You should have called yesterday., H. We couldn't have left then.