

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 Une cada dato con una conclusión de fuerza adecuada.

He can't have been here. · She must have arrived. · Someone might have used it. · They should have sent it earlier.

The signed log records her arrival.	.....
No one checked the side door.	.....
He was in another country.	.....
They missed the deadline.	.....

2 Une cada forma y su contexto con lo que ocurrió.

He failed to send it in time. · He sent it, and that was a mistake. · She left her lunchbox at home. · She packed it, but food was provided.

She needn't have packed lunch.	.....
She didn't need to pack lunch, and she didn't.	.....
He shouldn't have sent the draft.	.....
He should have sent the draft.	.....

3 Une cada situación con la conclusión modal que corresponde a las pistas.

I need not have carried the spare chairs. · She might have misread the sign. · They could not have entered through the locked door that night. · We should have checked the address.

The sign pointed left, but she went right.	.....
The only door was locked from the inside all night.	.....
We sent the driver to the wrong street.	.....
I carried spare chairs to the event, but they stayed unused.	.....

4 Completa con una palabra.

The parcel must arrived by noon;
the signed receipt is dated 11:40.

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- 3 The sign pointed left, but she went right. → She might have misread the sign. · The only door was locked from the inside all night. → They could not have entered through the locked door that night. · We sent the driver to the wrong street. → We should have checked the address. · I carried spare chairs to the event, but they stayed unused. → I need not have carried the spare chairs.
- 4 The parcel must have arrived by noon; the signed receipt is dated 11:40.