

Modals and Modal Perfects

A Match the modals or modal perfects in I with their uses in II.

- I
1. Shall I help you with that heavy bag?
 2. You should have done all the homework.
 3. She didn't answer the phone so she must have left.
 4. I need to clean my room. I promised my mum that I would.
 5. I think that they might have left.
 6. Would you sign your name here, please?
 7. It's not fair. I ought to have received a prize too.
 8. You mustn't use this computer.

- II
- a. a logical conclusion about a past event
 - b. formal request
 - c. prohibition
 - d. offer
 - e. unfulfilled expectation
 - f. obligation
 - g. advice which was not followed
 - h. a guess about something which happened

B Choose the correct answer.

1. She (could walk / could have walked) before she was a year old.
2. The party was supposed to be a secret. You (shouldn't say / shouldn't have said) anything.
3. I'm not sure, but I (might leave / might have left) early tonight.
4. I'm not afraid to go alone. You (needn't have come / needn't come) with me.
5. It's late. You (must be / must have been) very tired.
6. You (ought to introduce / ought to have introduced) me to your friends. I didn't know anyone's name.

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use a modal perfect.

1. Nobody told her anything about the argument. She (know) about it.
2. We arrived too early. We (be) in such a hurry.
3. She (leave) the office because her coat and bag aren't here.
4. I (drive) to work, but the weather was so nice that I decided to walk.
5. It's possible that I (forget) to tell Joe about the meeting.
6. You (call) her on her birthday. She never forgets to call you.

D Rewrite each sentence using a modal or modal perfect. There may be more than one answer.

1. It isn't necessary for them to finish the job tonight.
They
2. It's possible that I took your jacket by mistake.
I
3. That man knows how to speak four languages.
That man
4. I didn't wear a sunhat, and now my head hurts.
My head hurts. I
5. It rained last night so the grass is wet.
It The grass is wet.
6. The man you saw wasn't Jack. He's been abroad since the summer.
You