

Past Modal Verbs - Exercise Sheet 2

Exercise 3: Sentence Transformation (Past Simple → Past Modals)

Instructions: Rewrite the sentences using the correct past modal verb.

1. She didn't study, so she failed the test.
→ She _____ harder.
2. I'm sure he was at work yesterday.
→ He _____ at work yesterday.
3. It's impossible that they saw you; they were on holiday.
→ They _____ you.
4. Maybe she took the wrong bus.
→ She _____ the wrong bus.
5. We didn't bring an umbrella, and now we're wet.
→ We _____ an umbrella.
6. It was possible that he forgot about the meeting.
→ He _____ about the meeting.
7. I'm sure they didn't finish the project in one day.
→ They _____ the project in one day.
8. He didn't lock the door, and now his bike is stolen.
→ He _____ the door.
9. She wasn't at home, so she didn't hear the phone.
→ She _____ the phone.
10. You spent too much money on those shoes.
→ You _____ so much money.

Exercise 4: Conversation (Using Past Modals)

Instructions: Complete the dialogue using the correct past modal verbs.

- ◆ **Emma:** I can't find my keys anywhere!
- ◆ **James:** You _____ (leave) them in the café. Did you check?
- ◆ **Emma:** No, but I _____ (put) them in my bag before leaving. I always do.
- ◆ **James:** Hmm. Maybe someone _____ (take) them by mistake.
- ◆ **Emma:** Oh no! I _____ (be) more careful.
- ◆ **James:** Don't worry. Let's call the café and ask.
- ◆ **Emma:** Good idea. But I _____ (lose) them at home too. I should check here first.
- ◆ **James:** Yes, you _____ (drop) them in your bedroom or in the kitchen.
- ◆ **Emma:** Wait! I found them! I _____ (forget) that I put them in my jacket pocket!