

Past Modal Verbs - Worksheet 2 – ANSWERS

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

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

Exercise 4: Conversation (Using Past Modals) – Answers (Not contracted)

- ◆ **Emma:** I can't find my keys anywhere!
 - ◆ **James:** You **might have left** them in the café. Did you check?
 - ◆ **Emma:** No, but I **should have put** them in my bag before leaving. I always do.
 - ◆ **James:** Hmm. Maybe someone **could have taken** them by mistake.
 - ◆ **Emma:** Oh no! I **should have been** more careful.
 - ◆ **James:** Don't worry. Let's call the café and ask.
 - ◆ **Emma:** Good idea. But I **might have lost** them at home too. I should check here first.
 - ◆ **James:** Yes, you **could have dropped** them in your bedroom or in the kitchen.
 - ◆ **Emma:** Wait! I found them! I **must have forgotten** that I put them in my jacket pocket!
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