

Homework

Modal Verbs of Deduction

A. Underline the correct Modal Verb of Deduction form in the sentences below.

1. Joe *must have walked* / *must walk* to school today. He wasn't on the bus.
2. I think they *might be* / *can't be* related. They have the same surname.
3. Sam *can't be* / *must be* away. I just bumped into him yesterday.
4. I wonder whose red car that was. It *can't have been* / *must have been* Anna's. Her car is green.
5. Gary and Alice were having dinner together. I think they *might be* / *might have been* on a date.

B. Complete the sentences using Modal Verbs of Deduction plus the verb 'be' in a suitable form.

1. They are carrying heavy bags. They shopping.
2. She's wearing a wedding ring, so she married!
3. I wonder what's inside this box. It a ring, but it could also be a bracelet.
4. I'm not sure what bit me, but I think it an ant.
5. This his house. His name is on the mailbox.
6. I'm not sure what that bird was. It a parrot.
7. That cat has a collar on. It a stray.
8. I haven't got my glasses on, so I can't see clearly, but I think that Jim.
9. I think Alice and Tim on holiday. I haven't seen them in a while.
10. I wonder what made him so ill. It the fish because he didn't have any.

C. Complete the sentences below using Verbs of Deduction plus one of the verbs below in the correct form.

go lose take be (2)

1. That guy single! He's far too handsome.
2. The team don't look happy. They their match.
3. I'm not sure what that herb is. It coriander. Or perhaps it's parsley.
4. We're not sure where she went. She to buy some lunch.
5. James is at home today. He the day off.



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Homework answers

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Exercise A

1. must have walked
2. might be
3. can't be
4. can't have been
5. might have been

Exercise B

1. must have been
2. must be
3. might / may / could be
4. might / may / could have been
5. must be
6. might / may / could have been
7. can't be
8. might / may / could be
9. might / may / could be
10. can't / couldn't have been

Exercise C

1. can't be
2. must have lost
3. might / may / could be
4. might / may / could have gone
5. must have taken