

Talking about past possibility

Past events/regrets	Modal + perfect	Past possibility
I got a bad grade.	I should have	studied harder.
You were late for the meeting.	You could have	
	You should have	been more polite.
His clothes are very wet!	It must have	
The food is all gone.	Someone must have	
	Someone might have	been killed.
	You might not have	met him.
My bicycle is gone.		
You went the wrong way.		
Do you think Tim enjoyed the concert?	I think he _____	
He looks tired.	He must have	
I haven't met her.		know my name.
Where was Julie last night?		
Her car keys are still here.	She couldn't have	
Look! A car accident!	Someone may have	
The air conditioning was on all night.	Someone must have	
	Someone might have	taken it.
Guess what I did yesterday. _____		
I've phoned Jim several times, but he didn't answer.		

Talking about possibility brainstorm

Past events/regrets	Modal + perfect	Past possibility
I got a bad grade.	I should have	studied harder
You were late for the meeting.	You could have	got up earlier.
You were so rude to my friend.	You should have	been more polite.
His clothes are very wet!	It must have	been raining
The food is all gone.	Someone must have	eaten it all.
The car was going so fast.	Someone might have	been killed.
There is a new student in our class.	You might not have	met him.
My bicycle is gone.	It must have	been stolen.
You went the wrong way.	You should have	turned left.
Do you think Tim enjoyed the concert?	I think he might have	enjoyed the concert.
He looks tired.	He must have	worked hard today.
I haven't met her.	She wouldn't/couldn't have	known my name.
Where was Julie last night?	She might have	worked late.
Her car keys are still here.	She couldn't have	driven home.
Look! A car accident!	Someone may have	been hurt.
The air conditioning was on all night.	Someone must have	forgotten to turn it off.
I can't find my phone.	Someone might have	taken it.
Guess what I did yesterday.	I think you may have	gone to the beach.
I've phoned Jim several times, but he didn't answer.	He might have	been sleeping.