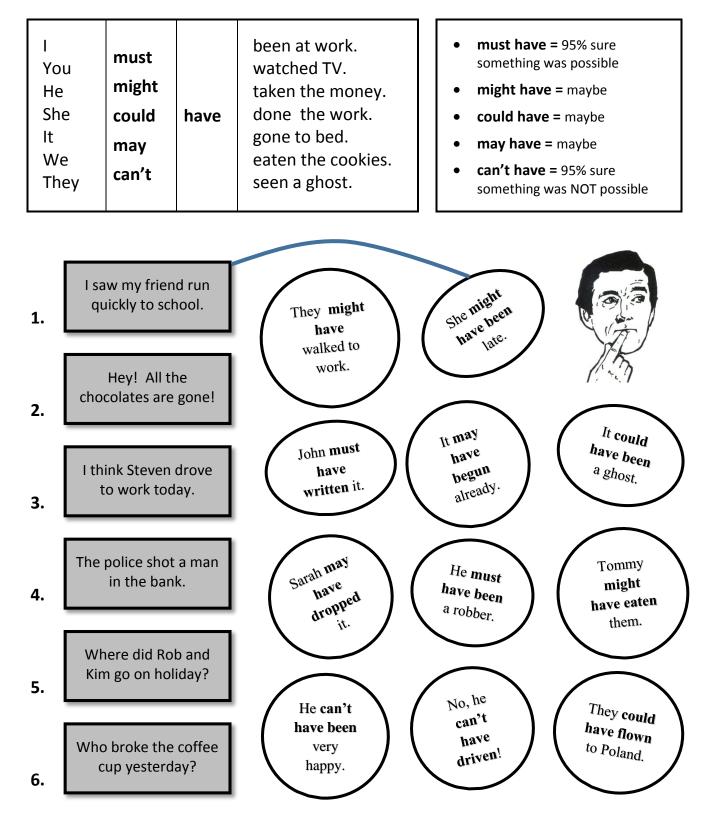
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## GRAMMAR WORKSHEET MODALS of PROBABILITY (past)

• Find the matching sentences below – Be careful: 5 circles don't match!



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## GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

**Language Focus** Modals of Probability (also called 'Modals of Speculation') for talking about the past

Level Intermediate

## **ANSWER KEY**

- I saw my friend run quickly to school.
  She must have been late.
- All the chocolates are gone!
  Tommy might have eaten them.
- I think Steven drove to work today.
  No, he can't have driven!
- 4. The police shot a man in the bank.He must have been a robber.
- Where did Rob and Kim go on holiday?
  They could have flown to Poland.
- Who broke the coffee cup yesterday?
  Sarah may have dropped it.

NOTE: We use 'been' with ...

- 1) Nouns Example: "It must have been a <u>spider</u>."
- 2) Verbs + 'ing' Example: "She might have been sleeping."
- 3) Adjectives Example: "He could have been bored."
- 4) Prepositions Example: "It can't have been in the kitchen."

## Here are some examples of modals of probability WITHOUT 'been' ...

- "She must have studied in the morning."
- "They can't have slept well last night."
- "He might have <u>bought</u> a new car."

Notice that each modal + have is followed by a past participle verb.



