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Section 6:- Advanced Modals for Deduction and Criticism

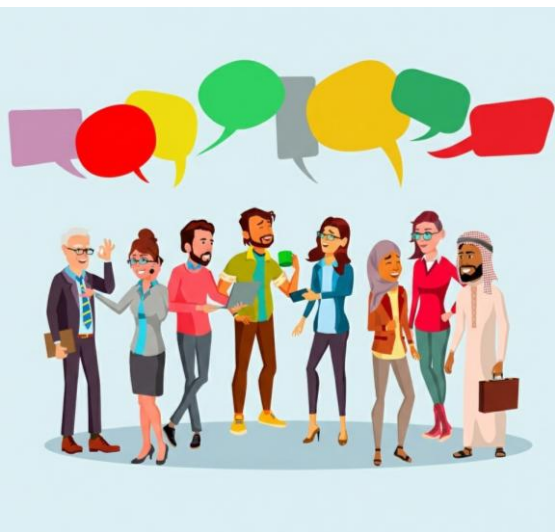


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Section 6: Advanced Modals for Deduction and Criticism

6.1 Past Deduction and Speculation

Use must have, might/could have, or can't/couldn't have + past participle.

Example 1: He ___ (must / leave) early. (must have left)

Example 2: She ___ (can't / steal) it. (can't have stolen)

1. The ground is wet. It ___ (must / rain) last night.
2. She didn't say hello. She ___ (might not / see) you.
3. You got a perfect score! You ___ (must / study) hard.
4. He ___ (can't / steal) the car, he was with me all day.
5. I can't find my keys. I ___ (could / drop) them in the park.
6. They are late. They ___ (may / miss) the bus.
7. The window is broken. A bird ___ (must / fly) into it.
8. He ___ (couldn't / know) about the surprise party. We kept it a secret.
9. She was crying. She ___ (must / receive) bad news.
10. The lights are off. They ___ (must / go) to bed.
11. He ___ (might / leave) his jacket at the restaurant.
12. You ___ (must / be) exhausted after that long trip!
13. The bill is huge. We ___ (must / eat) a lot.
14. She ___ (can't / forget) her own birthday!
15. They ___ (may / be) delayed by the heavy traffic.
16. I suppose I ___ (could / make) a mistake on the test.
17. He ___ (must / read) the email by now. I sent it yesterday.
18. The dog is out. Someone ___ (must / leave) the door open.
19. She ___ (might not / understand) the instructions properly.
20. They ___ (couldn't / finish) the project so quickly. It's impossible!

6.2 Past Criticism and Regret

Use should have or shouldn't have + past participle for past mistakes.

Example 1: You ___ (should / call) me. (should have called)

Example 2: I ___ (should not / eat) that. (shouldn't have eaten)

1. I failed the test. I ___ (should / study) more.
2. You ___ (should not / speak) to her like that. It was rude.
3. We ___ (ought to / leave) earlier to avoid this traffic.
4. He ___ (should / tell) us he was going to be late.
5. I ___ (should not / eat) so much cake, I feel sick now.
6. They ___ (should / ask) for directions. Now we are lost.
7. You ___ (ought to / wear) a warmer coat. It's freezing!
8. I ___ (should not / buy) this expensive phone. I don't have any money left.
9. She ___ (should / invite) him to the party. He was very upset.
10. We ___ (ought not to / spend) all our money on clothes.
11. He ___ (should / apologize) for his mistake immediately.
12. You ___ (should not / trust) him with your secret.
13. I ___ (ought to / check) the weather forecast before we left.
14. They ___ (should / book) the tickets in advance. Now they are sold out.
15. We ___ (should not / ignore) the warning signs on the road.
16. She ___ (should / take) the job offer when she had the chance.
17. I ___ (ought to / listen) to your advice. You were right.
18. You ___ (should not / leave) your bag unattended at the airport.
19. He ___ (should / be) more careful when driving in the rain.
20. We ___ (should / realize) it was a scam before we sent the money.

6.3 Needn't have vs. Didn't need to

Use 'needn't have + past participle' for an unnecessary action that WAS done. Use 'didn't need to + base verb' for an unnecessary action that WAS NOT done.

Example 1: I ___ (needn't / cook); they brought pizza. (needn't have cooked)

Example 2: I ___ (didn't need / cook), so I relaxed. (didn't need to cook)

1. I ___ (needn't / cook); they brought pizza to the party.
2. We ___ (didn't need / rush), we had plenty of time before the train left.
3. You ___ (needn't / bring) a gift, but thank you very much!
4. I ___ (didn't need / study) because the exam was suddenly canceled.
5. He ___ (needn't / buy) more milk, we already have three bottles in the fridge.
6. She ___ (didn't need / wake) up early on Sunday, so she slept until noon.
7. We ___ (needn't / pay) for the tickets, they were free! Why did you buy them?
8. I ___ (didn't need / take) an umbrella, the forecast said it would be sunny all day.
9. You ___ (needn't / wait) for me, I could have walked home by myself.
10. They ___ (didn't need / hire) a guide, they already knew the way up the mountain.
11. I ___ (needn't / worry); everything turned out absolutely fine in the end.
12. She ___ (didn't need / wear) a suit to the casual party, so she wore jeans.
13. You ___ (needn't / print) the document, a digital copy was perfectly fine.
14. We ___ (didn't need / clean) the house, the maid already did it yesterday.
15. He ___ (needn't / apologize), it wasn't his fault at all.
16. I ___ (didn't need / ask) for help, I already knew the answer to the puzzle.
17. They ___ (needn't / book) a table, the restaurant was completely empty.
18. She ___ (didn't need / buy) a new laptop, her company provided one for her.
19. You ___ (needn't / shout), I can hear you perfectly well from here.
20. We ___ (didn't need / stay) until the end of the movie because it was terrible.

Answer Key - Section 6

6.1 Past Deduction and Speculation

1. must have rained
2. might not have seen
3. must have studied
4. can't have stolen
5. could have dropped
6. may have missed
7. must have flown
8. couldn't have known
9. must have received
10. must have gone
11. might have left
12. must have been
13. must have eaten
14. can't have forgotten
15. may have been
16. could have made
17. must have read
18. must have left
19. might not have understood
20. couldn't have finished

6.2 Past Criticism and Regret

1. should have studied
2. shouldn't have spoken
3. ought to have left
4. should have told
5. shouldn't have eaten
6. should have asked
7. ought to have worn
8. shouldn't have bought
9. should have invited
10. ought not to have spent
11. should have apologized
12. shouldn't have trusted
13. ought to have checked
14. should have booked
15. shouldn't have ignored
16. should have taken
17. ought to have listened
18. shouldn't have left
19. should have been
20. should have realized

6.3 Needn't have vs. Didn't need to

1. needn't have cooked
2. didn't need to rush
3. needn't have brought
4. didn't need to study
5. needn't have bought
6. didn't need to wake
7. needn't have paid
8. didn't need to take
9. needn't have waited
10. didn't need to hire
11. needn't have worried
12. didn't need to wear
13. needn't have printed
14. didn't need to clean
15. needn't have apologized
16. didn't need to ask
17. needn't have booked
18. didn't need to buy
19. needn't have shouted
20. didn't need to stay

