

Practice

Choose the most suitable response to each comment or question.



- a) A: What did I do wrong?
B: 1) YOU shouldn't have connected these two wires.
2) You didn't have to connect these two wires.
- b) A: Why is the dog barking?
B: 1) It should have heard something.
2) It must have heard something.
- c) A: Why are you home so early?
B: 1) I needn't have worked this afternoon.
2) I didn't have to work this afternoon.
- d) A: Why did you worry about me? I didn't take any risks.
B: 1) You must have been injured.
2) You could have been injured.
- e) A: You forgot my birthday again!
B: 1) Sorry, I should have looked in my diary.
2) Sorry, I had to look in my diary.
- f) A: We had a terrible crossing on the boat in a storm.
B: 1) That didn't have to be very pleasant!
2) That can't have been very pleasant!
- g) A: Where were you yesterday? You didn't turn up!
B: 1) I had to go to London.
2) I must have gone to London.
- h) A: What do you think about the election?
B: 1) The Freedom Party had to win.
2) The Freedom Party should have won.
- i) A: There's a lot of food left over from the party, isn't there?
B: 1) Yes, you couldn't have made so many sandwiches.
2) Yes, you needn't have made so many sandwiches.
- j) A: What do you think has happened to Tony?
B: 1) I don't know, he should have got lost.
2) I don't know, he might have got lost.

GRAMMAR 17 MODAL VERBS: PAST

- 2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.
- a) It wasn't necessary for me to go out after all.
have
I*needn't have gone out*.....after all.
- b) There was a plan for Jack to become manager, but he left.
was
Jack.....manager, but he left.
- c) It was a mistake for you to buy that car.
bought
You.....that car.
- d) I don't think that Sally enjoyed her holiday.
have
Sally.....enjoyed her holiday.
- e) It's possible that Bill saw me.
may
Bill.....me.
- f) I'm sure that Karen was a beautiful baby.
been
Karen.....a beautiful baby.
- g) Perhaps Alan didn't mean what he said.
meant
Alan.....what he said.
- h) It's possible that I left my wallet at home.
could
I.....my wallet at home.
- i) I think you were wrong to sell your bike.
shouldn't
You.....bike.
- j) The only thing I could do was run away!
had
I.....run away!

FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

- 3 Underline the most suitable phrase in each sentence.
- a) We should have turned left. We've missed the turning/We followed the instructions.
 - b) We didn't have to wear uniform at school. *But I never did/That's why I liked it.*
 - c) The butler must have stolen the jewels. *He was ordered to/There is no other explanation.*
 - d) You could have phoned from the station. *I'm sure you did/Why didn't you?*
 - e) You needn't have bought any dog food. *There isn't any/There is plenty.*
 - f) Ann might not have understood the message. *I suppose it's possible/She wasn't supposed to.*
 - g) You can't have spent all the money already! *You weren't able to/I'm sure you haven't.*
 - h) I shouldn't have used this kind of paint. *It's the right kind/It's the wrong kind.*
- 4 Rewrite each sentence so that it contains *can't*, *might*, *must*, *should* or *needn't*.
- a) I'm sure that David took your books by mistake.
 - b) It was a mistake to park outside the police station.
 - c) It was unnecessary for you to clean the floor.
 - d) I'm sure that Liz hasn't met Harry before.
 - e) Ann possibly hasn't left yet.
 - f) I'm sure they haven't eaten all the food. It's not possible!
 - g) Jack is supposed to have arrived half an hour ago.
 - h) Perhaps Pam and Tim decided not to come.
 - i) I think it was the cat that took the fish from the table!
 - j) It was a waste of time worrying, after all!