Grammar videos: Modals of deduction – exercises

Watch the video on our website and read the conversation between Sophie and Nur. Then do these exercises to check your understanding of modals of deduction.

1. Check your grammar: matching
Draw a line to match the sentences that have the same meaning.

1. I'm sure that's Katie.  o  o  a. That must have been Katie.
2. I'm sure that isn't Katie.  o  o  b. That girl must be Katie.
3. It's possible that it's Katie.  o  o  c. It might not be Katie.
4. Maybe that isn't Katie.  o  o  d. That girl can't be Katie.
5. I'm certain that wasn't Katie.  o  o  e. It may be Katie.
6. Perhaps that was Katie.  o  o  f. It can't have been Katie.
7. It was definitely Katie.  o  o  g. It could have been Katie.

2. Check your grammar: gap fill
Write a modal verb to fill the gaps.

1. She's won prizes for her research. She ____________ be really intelligent.
2. I'd take an umbrella if I were you. It looks like it ____________ rain.
3. It ____________ be him. He's on holiday until next week.
4. Hey guess what?! I ____________ be getting a car for my birthday! It's not completely definite yet though.
5. I can't believe you've been waiting all this time! You ____________ be really bored.
6. His car's not here. He ____________ have gone out.
7. Look how much sugar and salt it's got in it! It ____________ be good for you.
8. Have you looked next to your computer? I think you ____________ have left your keys there.
3. Check your grammar: error correction
Correct and write these sentences on the line below.

1. It mays be him. He's about that height.

2. You could to be right. Let's check on the internet.

3. It's six o'clock. She must have leave work by now.

4. That can't being them. Their car's yellow.

5. Joe might be to play football at the moment.

6. That virus may of come from an app.

7. This writing is terrible. That can be an 'e', but I'm not sure.

8. I don't believe it! You can't had failed your exam!

Discussion
What might you have for supper tonight?
Do you think you may visit the UK one day?

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