

8E – Preview Answers



Try these

Answers may vary

Use the words in brackets to write a reply to each sentence.

1. David isn't at work this morning. (might/sick)

He might be sick.

2. Where do you think Jessica will travel to next? (may/Belgium)

She may travel to Belgium next.

3. My daughter has an exam next week so I think she's already started studying. (should/study)

She should study every day until the exam.

4. Janet said she was feeling ill yesterday. (might not/party)

She might not come to the party.

5. Bill looks very happy. (must/got the job)

He must have got the job he applied for.

6. I tried to call her house twice but no one answered. (must not/home)

She must not be home.

7. Where is Kevin? He said he would be here by 8 p.m. (could/traffic)

He could be stuck in traffic.

8. Why is the restaurant booked up on the 21st? (may/wedding party)

There may be a wedding party.



You choose

Use one of the modal verbs below in the past tense to complete each sentence.

might could would must may should

1. Patrick wasn't at school yesterday. He *must have been* sick.

2. Those two hikers have been in the mountains for days. They *should have* come back by now.

3. Those are some big footprints. Whoever made those *must have been* very large.

4. Even if I had gotten up an hour earlier yesterday, I still *wouldn't/couldn't/might not have been* on time.

5. I tried to call Mark late last night, but he *must have* fallen asleep.

6. We saw a fin in the water. It *might/could have been* a dolphin, but it *could/might have been* a shark.

7. If you saw a fin you *should have* gotten out of the water straight away.

8. I still haven't heard back from the company I interviewed at. I *must not have* gotten the job after all.



Your turn Answers will vary.

What do you think would have happened if you had gotten up an hour later this morning?

If I had gotten up an hour later this morning, I would have had to hurry to get to work on time. Maybe I wouldn't have been able to have breakfast. I would have been able to have a shower and catch my bus, but there wouldn't have been time for breakfast.