KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

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SPECULATING ABOUT THE PAST

MAY	SPECULATION (adverb / phrase) CLUE WORDS	NOUN PRONOUN	PAST simple or continuous	MODAL (may/might could)	NOT	Present perfect (simple and continuo	Present perfect us) Passive	Object or Adjunct
	Perhaps	he					has not been informed	
MIGHT		He		may/might could	not	-	have been informed	
	Probably	They	overheard					what she said
COULD		They		may/might could		have overheard		what she said
have	Maybe	Sam				has been waiting		for you there
		Sam		may/might could		have been waiting		for you there
something has possibly happened now or recently.	It's possible that	he				has not finished		his homework yet.
recently.		Не		may/might could	not	have finished		his homework yet.
It's ten o'clock.	There is a chance that	she	was lying					to you
They might have		She		may/might could		have been lying		to you
arrived now.	<u>Possibly</u>	Не					has possibly been arrested	on suspicion of dangerous driving
		He		may/might could		-	have been arrested	on suspicion of dangerous driving
	SPECULATION (adverb / phrase) CLUE WORDS	NOUN PRONOUN	PAST simple or continuous	MODAL (must)	NOT	Present perfect (simple and continuo	Present perfect us) Passive	Object or Adjunct
MUST	I'm sure that	he					has not been informed	
	Thisure that	He		must	not		have been informed	
have we are sure	I'm certain that	They		mast	not	have overheard	nuve been mornied	what she said
about something.	Thi certain that	They		must		have overheard		what she said
"You must have known	I'm positive that	Sam	was looking					for the bathroom
that we had a test		Sam	0	must		have been looking		for the bathroom
today – the teacher sent us all a message."	I have no doubt that	he	was not					aware of the problem.
sent us an a message.		Не	_	must	not	have been aware		of the problem
	There is no doubt that	she				has been lying		to you
		She		must		have been lying		to you
CAN'T	SPECULATION (adverb / phrase)	NOUN PRONOUN	PAST simple or	MODAL (can't / couldn't)	NOT	Present perfect (simple and continuo	Present perfect us) Passive	Object or Adjunct
COULDN'T	CLUE WORDS		continuous					
have something was not	It's impossible that	he					has been informed	
logically possible :		He		can't			have been informed	
"She can't have passed the exam – she didn't	It's not possible that	you	saw					him in town yesterday. He is in China this week.
study at all!"		You		couldn't		have seen		him in town yesterday. He is in China this week.
STRUCTURE								
PRONOUN NOUN	MODAL VERB	NOT	HAVE	PAST PARTICIPLE + OBJECT /ADJUNCT			BEEN + GERUND / BEEN + PARTICIPLE	
Не	May/Must/Can't	(not)	have	made the cake.			been running yesterday / been informed yesterday.	