

Key Word Transformation

Typical exercise

Modals of speculation

Speculating about the past

Maybe, Perhaps...
Probably, Possibly...
It's possible that...
There is a chance that...

may/might/could have
+ past participle

I'm sure that...
I'm certain that...
I'm positive that...
I have no doubt that...
There is no doubt that...

must have
+ past participle

It's impossible that ...
it's not possible that ...

can't have
+ past participle

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.

- Perhaps the bridge collapsed because of the earthquake.
may
The bridge the earthquake.
- I'm sure our flatmates didn't know about it.
known
Theyabout it.
- I suppose it is possible that Sarah was here earlier.
could
She earlier.
- There's a chance she was working for our rivals.
have
Shefor our rivals.
- It's possible that Joanna saw me.
might
Joanna me.
- It's no possible that you saw Mary last night, she was with us
have
You last night.