

Language review
Modal perfect

A Choose the best way to complete the exchanges below.

- 1 A: The people in Accounts often say they can't work well together.
B: Well, we had a one-week seminar on team building last May. Maybe they
a) had to attend it.
b) must have attended it.
c) should have attended it.
- 2 A: Pity Ron and Ken were always trying to settle their own personal disagreements.
B: I agree. I don't think the trainer
a) may
b) should
c) must } have spent so much time on such private matters.
- 3 A: By the end of the seminar some people were still too shy to talk.
B: I noticed that, too. The trainer
a) must have encouraged
b) had to encourage
c) might have encouraged } everyone to express themselves.
- 4 A: I particularly like the fact that we immediately had a clear sense of direction.
B: Yeah. But I thought the overall objective
a) could
b) must
c) will } have been clearer.
- 5 A: One thing I wasn't too pleased about is how the trainer handled the argument about overtime.
B: Mm. How do you think she
a) should have dealt
b) had to deal
c) must have dealt } with that?

B Complete these sentences in the best way.

- 1 a) Paul must have left the office early –
b) Paul can't have left the office early –
- 2 a) Ron can't have finished his report –
b) Ron must have finished his report –
- 3 a) You can't have deleted that file –
b) You might have deleted that file –
- 4 a) Sue and Ken must have had a row –
b) Sue and Ken may have had a row –
- 5 a) It must have been a tough seminar –
b) It can't have been a tough seminar –
- 1) his briefcase is still here.
2) I can't find him anywhere.
- 1) he's already working on another project.
2) he only started this morning.
- 1) I've searched all the directories.
2) all the files on this drive are read-only.
- 1) they hardly talk to each other any more.
2) but that's not very likely, is it?
- 1) the trainer looked completely drained.
2) the participants were such nice people.