MODAL VERBS

I. PRESENT PROBABILITY

⇒ TASK Respond to the statements or questions using the words in brackets:

- 1. Jenny looks really unhappy. (must, miss, her boyfriend)
- 2. Who is at the front door? (will, Tim)
- 3. Where 's Kate? It 's eleven o'clock in the morning! (can't, still, sleep)
- 4. Why are all the lights on in their house? (could, have, party).
- 5. James had been working all night. (must, deadline to meet)
- 6. Timmy can't find his little sister. (may, hide, in the wardrobe)

II. PAST PROBABILITY

⇒ TASK Use the table to give an explanation for each of the situations below:

| | | cut it | a cake. |
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| | needn´t | gone | a party last night. |
| | must have | mislaid | to Andy. |
| He | can´t have | arrived home | something naughty. |
| She | might have | got engaged | for ages. |
| They | should have | have | taken it. |
| | | had | without me. |
| | | been doing | by now. |
| | | been making | my number. |

- 1. Stella is wearing a beautiful diamond ring. \rightarrow She must have got engaged to Andy.
- 2. Look at the length of the grass in Bill's garden.
- 3. The children ran away laughing and giggling.
- 4. There's flour on granma's nose.
- 5. Paul and Gary said they 'd wait for me, but I can 't see them.
- 6. Clive's flat is so clean and tidy.
- 7. It's after midnight. Henry and Sally left ages ago.
- 8. I don't know why she didn't ring.
- 9. She took an umbrella but it wasn't raining in the end.

⇒ TASK Do the same thing but without using any hints:

- 1. A tree has fallen across the road.
- 2. My white jeans have turned pink.
- 3. My TV has broken and I 've only had it fixed.
- 4. David's dog has died.
- 5. All the flowers in the garden have died.
- 6. The windscreen is broken.

- 1. Určitě teď nespí.
- 2. Určitě to tehdy nevěděl.
- 3. Možná se teď dívá na televizi.
- 4. Určitě jsi na něho pyšná.
- 5. Určitě ho neměli moc rádi, protože ho nepozvali na žádný ze svých večírků.
- 6. Možná dáváš přednost růžové.
- 7. Možná ji to nezajímá.
- 8. Dnes ráno jsi ji vidět nemohl. Je v Dánsku.
- 9. Když jsem ho minulý týden viděl, určitě nebyl nemocný.
- 10. Určitě se zrovna vracel z tělocvičny.
- 11. Možná se o tom bavili, když jsi je potkal.
- 12. Určitě tam chodil často.
- 13. Určitě právě nešel do divadla, i když to říkal.
- 14. Určitě jsi byl hodně zklamaný.
- 15. Měla nám to připomenout.
- 16. Neměl jsi to navrhovat.
- 17. Měla na tom pracovat minulý týden. (neutrální)
- 18. Měli nám dát vědět.
- 19. Nemusel jsi přinést 3 láhve šampaňského, nikdo nepřišel. (přinesl, nebylo potřeba)
- 20. Nemusela si vzít deštník. Nepršelo. (vzala si jej, nebylo potřeba)