

Minulý infinitiv v odborném textu

Distinguish: What causes the problem now? x What caused the problem? (= in the past)

What may cause the problem now? x What may **have caused** the problem? (= in the past)

Ask these questions:

1. Co způsobuje / může způsobit sesuvy půdy?.....
2. Co způsobilo sesuv půdy?.....
3. Co **asi způsobilo** sesuvy půdy?.....
4. Čím může být sesuv půdy způsoben?.....
5. Čím **mohl být** sesuv půdy **způsoben**?.....

Practice the following sentence transformations:

Something may appear to be / not to be... (=now)

1. In a landslide, it may appear that gravity is the only agent of erosion.

In a landslide, gravity may appear

Something is unlikely to have happened. (= in the past)

1. It is not probable that gravity caused the rockslide.

Gravity is unlikely

An agent (=a cause) must/could/may/might (not) have caused an event (=effect)

1. Gravity probably did not cause the rockslide. (=možná, že ne)

Gravity may notthe rockslide.

2. It is obvious that gravity did not cause the rockslide. (= určitě ne)

Gravity could notthe rockslide.

3. It is sure that gravity caused the rockslide. (= určitě ano)

Gravity mustthe rockslide.

An event (=effect) may/might/can/could be caused by... =now)

1. It is possible that gravity starts the rockslide.

The rockslide cangravity.

An event (=effect) may/might/can/could have been caused by... =in the past)

1. It is possible that rainwater running off the mountainside started the rockslide.

The landslide could rainwater.