7A GRAMMAR past modals

a Complete the dialogues. Rewrite the phrases in brackets using *might (not) have*, *must have*, or *can't have* + past participle.

1 A Why is there so much traffic today?
   B I don't know. There _____ an accident. (**Maybe there was**)

2 A Can you move your leg?
   B No, it hurts too much. I think I _____ it. (**Perhaps I have broken it**)

3 A Look! The gate's open and the dog has gone.
   B Oh no! We _____ it open when we went out. (**I'm sure we left it open**)

4 A Oh no, the cake's burning!
   B You *must have put the oven on* too high. (**You definitely put the oven on**)

5 A I can't find the milk. We _____ it all. (**I'm sure we didn't drink it**)
   B Yes, you're right. It must be in there somewhere.

6 A Where's Jeremy? He should be here.
   B He _____ the email about the meeting. (**Perhaps he didn't see**)

7 A Ellen passed all her exams with top marks!
   B Wow! She _____ really hard. (**I'm sure she worked**)

8 A Mum, I'm going to play football now.
   B What? You _____ _____ all of your homework. (**It's impossible you've finished**)

9 A We didn't see Dan and Sarah at the concert.
   B They _____ tickets. I think the concert was sold out. (**Perhaps they weren't able to get**)

10 A I called you earlier, but I got your voicemail.
   B Sorry. I _____ my phone by mistake. (**I'm sure I switched off**)

b Complete the sentences with *should / shouldn't have* and the past participle of a verb from the list.

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break up   come   keep   take   tell   use   wait   wear
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1 We're lost. I knew we *should have taken* the second exit at the roundabout!
2 This tastes really spicy. You _____ so much chilli.
3 You _____ with James. He was such a nice guy.
4 The concert was amazing. You _____ with us.
5 Jim's already gone? I don't believe it – he _____ for us.
6 I'm afraid we can't exchange the jacket now. You _____ the receipt.
7 You _____ us that you were in hospital. We would have visited you.
8 I _____ these jeans. They really don't suit me.

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c Write **four** dialogues of two lines using *must have*, *might have*, *can't have*, and *should(n't)*.

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 7A

PAST MODALS

A)

2 might have broken

3 must have left

4 might have been

5 can't have drunk

6 might not have seen

7 must have worked

8 can't have finished

9 might not have been able to get / might not have got

10 must have switched off

B)

2 shouldn't have used

3 shouldn't have broken up

4 should have come

5 should have waited

6 should have kept

7 should have told

8 shouldn't have worn