



General Upper Intermediate

Homework - Unit 10: Over my dead
body!



1. Rewrite the sentences to make them refer to the past.

- 1. I must read Julius Caesar before my course begins.
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- 2. He could help with the washing-up for a change.
_____, but he didn't.
- 3. He can't be a Hollywood star!
_____ because he wasn't an actor.
- 4. I have to take the pills twice a day.
_____ when I was ill.
- 5. Jamie won't go to bed.
_____ last night.
- 6. That will be the postman at the door.
Who was ringing the doorbell? _____
- 7. We can't have a lunch break – there's too much to do!
_____ last Friday.
- 8. They must be very busy today.
_____ when you called.
- 9. Students should be more careful.
_____. One just broke this vase.
- 10. We mustn't eat while in the classroom.
_____ when I was at school.

Modal verbs of probability

2. Make sentences from the table. Complete each sentence in two different ways.

can		
will		
may	+	see the fjords have seen the fjords
might		
would		
could		

- If you go to Norway, you ...
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- If you went to Norway, you ...
- 3. _____
 - 4. _____
- If you'd gone to Norway, you ...
- 5. _____
 - 6. _____

How certain

3. Decide on the degree of certainty in these sentences. Put two ticks (✓ ✓) if the idea expressed is certain. Put one tick (✓) if it is less certain.

- 1. ✓ ✓ You must have seen him at the party. I know he was there.
- 2. ✓ The dog is really dirty. He might have been swimming in the pond.
- 3. _____ He can't have been telling the truth.
- 4. _____ He might have left a voicemail on your phone.
- 5. _____ I don't know where she is. She may have gone shopping.
- 6. _____ She must have been very upset when you told her the news.
- 7. _____ They're not answering the front door. They must have gone away already.
- 8. _____ I don't see their car. They can't have come back yet.
- 9. _____ It's six o'clock. Liam will have gone home by now.
- 10. _____ Sophie isn't here – she might have thought you weren't coming and gone for a run by herself.
- 11. _____ Noah's not here yet. He could have got caught up in traffic.
- 12. _____ Emma will be back soon. It's Friday, so she'll have gone to the café for a quick drink after work.

Past probability – active and passive

4. Write sentences for situations 1-8 below using the information in the chart.

		had it cut gone been arrived home got engaged found been doing been making	a cake. a cleaner yet. to Andy. something naughty. for ages. without you. in a meeting. by now.
He She They	must have can't have might have		

- 1. I don't know why Tara didn't ring back.
- 2. It's after midnight. Henry and Sally left ages ago.
- 3. Look at Joe's hair. It's really long!
- 4. Paolo and Geri said they'd wait for me, but I can't see them.
- 5. Stella's wearing a beautiful diamond ring.
- 6. The children ran away laughing and giggling.
- 7. There's flour on Grandma's nose.
- 8. Tim's flat is such a mess.

5. Write sentences for the following situations, using the prompts and *must have been* or *can't have been*.

1. A car was broken down.
It _____. (blow down/storm)
2. My trousers have turned pink.
They _____. (wash/with something red)
3. My iPhone has broken and I've only just had it fixed.
It _____. (repair/properly)
4. Don's suit looks quite dirty.
It _____. (dry-clean/recently)
5. The truck windscreen has shattered.
It _____. (hit/by a stone)
6. What's happened to your homework?
It _____. (eat/by the dog)

6. Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. **A:** I wonder how the thief got into our apartment.
B: He 1. _____ (could/use) the fire escape or he 2. _____ (might/climb) that tree.
A: Well, he 3. _____ (need not/bother). There wasn't anything worth stealing!
2. **A:** Leo told me that he'd spent \$5,000 on a birthday present for his girlfriend, but he 4. _____ (must/joke). Surely he 5. _____ (could not/spend) that much?
B: I think you 6. _____ (might/mishear) him!
3. **A:** It's 4:30. Ava and Noah's plane landed over an hour ago. They 7. _____ (should/phone) by now!
B: But they 8. _____ (may/be delayed). No, look! They're driving up now. You 9. _____ (need not/worry).
4. **A:** You're very sunburnt. You 10. _____ (would not/get) burnt if you'd used factor 30 sunscreen.
B: I 11. _____ (must/fall) asleep. And I 12. _____ (can't/put on) enough cream. Ouch!

Past modals in context

7. Roda Shaw is a keen skier. Read her story quickly and answer the questions below.

1. What was she doing in Austria?

2. What did she do on her day off?

3. Why was the area called Death Valley?

4. Why was Rhianna very lucky?

8. Complete the article, using the modals and verbs in brackets in the past.

Buried Alive!

If you're searching for someone buried in an avalanche, you have about 11 minutes. After that, you're looking for a corpse. That's what Roda Shaw was told during her training as a ski holiday representative in Ischgl, Austria. She **1.** _____ (could not / imagine) how important it would become for her.

On 16th February, Roda woke up on her day off. She'd been wondering what to do – the weather had been terrible and no one could ski. She **2.** _____ (need not / worry); the weather had changed, and skiing conditions **3.** _____ (could not / be) better – clear blue sky and half a meter of fresh snow. She joined some snowboarding friends and Roda suggested going off-piste, to an area where she knew lots of fresh powder snow **4.** _____ (would / fall). It was nicknamed Death Valley because of the avalanche risk, but as an experienced skier in all conditions, Roda wasn't concerned. She now knows she **5.** _____ (should / be).

Going down the mountain, a snowboarder ran into Roda, and both her skis came off as she fell. That normally **6.** _____ (would not / be) much of a problem, but Roda continued to fall, and felt snow rushing past her. She thought it **7.** _____ (must / cause) by the snowboarder behind her, but in fact they'd started an avalanche, which carried her for 150 meters.

Roda found herself buried under a meter of snow. Her phone rang a couple of times, but she couldn't move to answer it. She thought her friends **8.** _____ (might / try) to call her – in fact they assumed she **9.** _____ (must / ski) on alone and was probably waiting for them round the corner. When she wasn't there, they looked for her in the snow.

It had been longer than 11 minutes when one of them finally found Roda, and they knew it was unlikely she **10.** _____ (could / survive). She had no pulse, but after being given the kiss of life, she recovered. She was flown to hospital, where doctors worried she **11.** _____ (may / suffer) brain damage.

In fact, although she **12.** _____ (should not / go) skiing wearing only light clothing, this is what saved her – her body temperature had dropped so low, it reduced her brain's need for oxygen. Roda knows she was very lucky and **13.** _____ (could easily / die), and that she really **14.** _____ (should / check) the avalanche risk. She certainly does now, whenever she goes off-piste!

Past modals – revision

9. Underline the correct answer.

1. **A:** I'm sorry. I *shouldn't have / couldn't have* told Clara what you said about her.
B: It's too late! She'll never speak to me again! I'm very sad!
2. **A:** Who was that man?
B: He *can't have / must have* been a friend of Zoe's. He was asking if I'd seen her.
3. **A:** Mia *should / could* be at work by now. I wonder where she is.
B: Check your phone. She *should have / might have* messaged you to let you know she was going to be late.
4. **A:** Where's the cat?
B: I don't know. Jack *may have / 'll have* taken him for a walk.
A: No. Now I remember. It's Tuesday, isn't it? Emily *should have / 'll have* taken him to the vet.
5. **A:** I'm starving. I think I *might / could* make myself a sandwich.
B: It's only nine o'clock! You *shouldn't have / couldn't have* eaten enough for breakfast.
6. **A:** Are Lucas and Isla definitely coming? I *'d have / might have* thought they'd be here by now.
B: They *should have / could have* been held up by traffic.
A: Or they *might have / needn't have* had an accident!
B: Don't be silly. Anyway, we *'d have / must have* heard by now if something like that had happened.

Expression with *heart, head, and hand*

1. Complete the sentences with either head, heart, or hand in the correct form.

1. Can you give me a _____ lifting this heavy box?
2. I'm _____ in my notice. I want a less stressful job.
3. Tom has no _____ for figures, but he's brilliant at languages.
4. James has no _____. How could he not cry at the end of that film?
5. The pilot kept his _____ in the storm and landed the plane safely.
6. Oliver is _____ for disaster if he doesn't sort his finances out soon.
7. It never enters Zoe's _____ to do anything for anyone. She's so selfish.
8. You've got to _____ it to her. She always manages to get what she wants!
9. Ella is so big-_____. She's always saying how brilliant she is at everything.
10. Mia always puts her _____ and soul into her dancing – it's why she's so successful.
11. Felix is _____ and shoulders above the other children in his class. He's so talented.
12. We need to get to the _____ of the matter. We're just going around in circles at the moment.

Past probability – active and passive

2. Complete the sentences with the parts of the body in the box, used as verbs.

arm elbow eye foot hand head shoulder thumb

1. I'd hate to be Prime Minister. I don't think I could _____ the responsibility of making so many important decisions.
2. The teacher _____ out the exam papers and told the class to begin writing.
3. The police are _____ with guns in some countries.
4. I haven't read the magazine yet. I just _____ through it to see if there were any interesting pictures.
5. They ordered the most expensive thing on the menu because they knew that I'd _____ the bill.
6. I managed to _____ my way to the front of the crowd, so I got a good view of the procession.
7. The little boy _____ his new baby sister with suspicion. She was bald and ugly.
8. In the final seconds of the match, Benson _____ the ball into the back of the net, making it 1-0.

3. Complete the following two conversations with the correct body idiom from the list.

last legs	face the facts	cold feet
sharp tongue	finding her feet	all ears
out of my mind	put on a brave face	all fingers and thumbs

1. **A:** Oops! Oh, Lily – I'm really sorry! I've just broken your pink coffee cup. I'm 1. _____ today.

B: Oh, don't worry. I didn't like it anyway.

2. **A:** I told my boss that I thought the company was on its 2. _____, and would go bust if we didn't make some big changes.

B: Whoa! I bet he didn't like that.

A: Well, actually he was 3. _____. He asked me to say more and give my ideas on the best way forwards.

3. **A:** It's nearly midnight and I've been 4. _____ with worry. Where have you been, young lady?

B: Sorry, Dad! The taxi was late bringing us back from the party.

4. **A:** Hi, Ben. What's up with you? Are you all right?

B: Well, I was supposed to be going to a job interview, and at the last minute I got 5. _____, and I just couldn't do it.

5. **A:** You've just got to 6. _____, Anna. Your relationship is over. You can't keep on finding excuses for Max's bad behavior.

B: Don't you think I should just 7. _____ for the children's sake, and give him one more chance?

A: No, I don't. Enough is enough!

6. **A:** My son's new teacher has such a 8. _____. He's always coming home in tears because of something she's said to him.

B: She's only just started teaching, so perhaps she's still 9. _____.

A: Well, there's still no need to speak so harshly to eight-year-olds.

Verbs + prepositions

4. Complete the sentences with a verb in its correct form and a preposition.

Verbs		Prepositions	
thank	accuse	into for of to	at
trick	congratulate		from
shout	invite		on
forgive	hide		
hug	inherit		
model	remind		

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1. He thanked the nurse for all her help.
2. You _____ me so much _____ your father. You look just like him.
3. Everyone _____ me _____ passing my driving test at the fourth attempt.
4. My teenage daughter _____ herself _____ her pop idol. She’s had a ring put through her nose just like him.
5. Don’t _____ the truth _____ me. I want to know everything.
6. The cyborg picked up the gun and _____ it _____ his enemy’s head. “Your time is up, Hasta la vista, baby,” he said.
7. We've _____ 200 guests _____ our wedding.
8. I think that TV ads _____ people _____ buying things that they don’t really want.
9. I didn't _____ a penny _____ my great-aunt when she died.
10. The spectators _____ abuse _____ the referee when he disallowed a goal.
11. How can I ever _____ him _____ telling all those lies?
12. My employer _____ me _____ stealing, which I strongly denied.

Verbs + prepositions

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thank	accuse	into at for from of on to	
trick	congratulate		
shout	invite		
forgive	hide		
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Rhymes and limericks

1. Make rhyming pairs with the words in the box.

good

grieve

deaf

rude

height

weight

knows

court

reign

mud

pour

knew

chief

put

fool

said

lose

wool

1. should

/ʃʊd/

good
2. foot

/ʊt/
3. bread

/ed/
4. leave

/i:v/
5. brain

/eɪn/
6. choose

/u:z/
7. wore

/ɔ:/
8. toes

/əʊz/
9. through

/u:/
10. hate

/eɪt/
11. chef

/ʃef/
12. tight

/aɪt/
13. taught

/ɔ:t/
14. full

/ʊl/
15. lead

/i:d/
16. pool

/u:l/
17. food

/u:d/
18. blood

/nʌd/