

### Meaning of Modals

<b>Present</b>	<b>Past</b>
may might = 50% guess could  must = 90% guess	may have might have could have  must have
should = advice = expectation	should have
couldn't = impossible	couldn't have
must = necessary have to  don't have to = necessary	had to  <b>Note: <i>must have</i> is not the past tense for this. <i>Must have</i> is a past guess.</b>  didn't have to  <b>IMPORTANT</b>  must have + p.p.  had to + bare infinitive

### Various Meanings of Modals

Tell the meaning of each modal and the time (tense).

1. The bus should be here soon.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

2. He might be at the library.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I could speak English when I was a child.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

4. You should have been there.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

5. You must be there exactly at 9:00.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

6. The plane should have been here an hour ago.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

7. You must be happy about the news.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

8. He may have been upset.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Pierre must have gone back to France.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

10. You shouldn't have eaten so much pizza.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

11. John couldn't have been here.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

12. The company might fire him if his work doesn't improve.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

13. The baby should finally be asleep.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

14. You must be excited about your trip.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

15. You didn't have to pick me up.

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_