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Seeing is believing

Modals of probability • Phrasal verbs (2) • Expressing attitude

WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED?

must have been/can't have been

- 1 **T 11.5** Christina is calling Rachel. Read and listen to Rachel's side of the conversation. What do you think has happened?

R Hello.

C ...

R Hi, Christina, what on earth's wrong? Tell me.

C ...

R Oh, no! That's terrible. When?

C ...

R They must have known no one was at home. What did they take?

C ...

R Had you saved everything?

C ...

R Thank goodness. What else is missing?

C ...

R Not your camera! Well at least you still have your photos. Oh, and Ella's expensive leather jacket! Does she know?

C ...

R She's going to get such a shock when she gets back – and she's got her final exams soon.

C ...

R Yeah, that's good. I know she always takes it with her to lectures. Have you called the police?

C ...

R Good. Have they any idea who might have done it?

C ...

R So it wasn't just *your* flat then? Is there much mess? Did they ransack the place?

C ...

R Oh, how awful! Your lovely clothes. Did they take any of them?

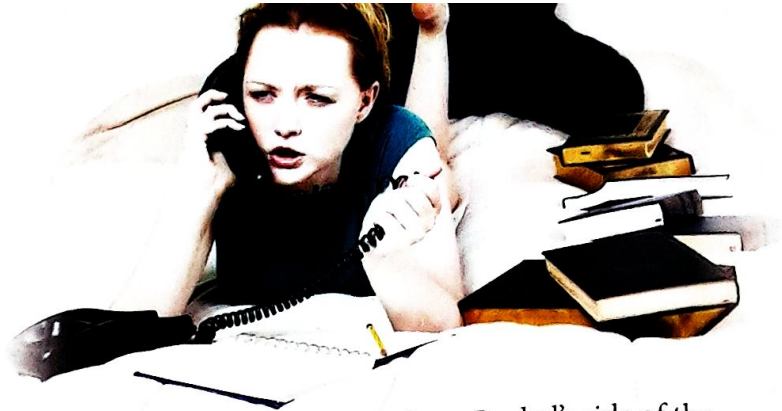
C ...

R Yes, of course, and anyway, it must be really difficult to see exactly what's missing.

C ...

R Look, Christina you're obviously really upset. I'm coming round. I'll help you tidy up. I'll be there in 15 minutes.

C ...



- 2 What can you work out from Rachel's side of the conversation? Read the questions. Discuss and tick (✓) the most likely answer.

- 1 What is the relationship between Rachel and Christina?

- ☐ They must be friends.
☐ They could be sisters.

- 2 What do you think has happened?

- ☐ Christina's flat must have been burgled.
☐ Christina's flat might have been burgled.

- 3 When did it happen?

- ☐ It could have happened during the night.
☐ It may have happened while she was at work.

- 4 Who is Ella?

- ☐ She must be Christina's flatmate.
☐ She can't be a student.

- 5 What was taken from the flat?

- ☐ Christina's laptop computer could have been taken.
☐ Ella's laptop may have been taken.

- 6 Has Christina told Ella about her jacket?

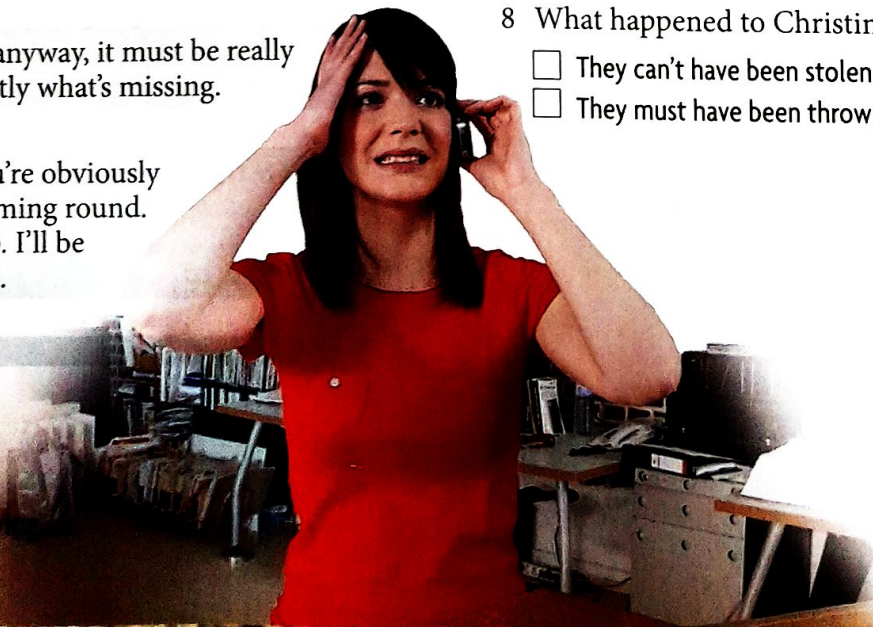
- ☐ She might have told her.
☐ She can't have told her.

- 7 Has she called the police?

- ☐ She can't have done.
☐ She must have done.

- 8 What happened to Christina's clothes?

- ☐ They can't have been stolen.
☐ They must have been thrown onto the floor.



Discussing grammar

- 4 How many of these modal verbs can you fit naturally into each sentence? Discuss as a class. What are the different meanings?

can	can't	could	must	might	shall	should
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- 1 He _____ have been born in the 1960s.
- 2 _____ you help me with the washing-up, please?
- 3 You _____ see the doctor immediately.
- 4 _____ we go out for a meal tonight?
- 5 I _____ stop smoking.
- 6 I _____ learn to speak English.

VOCABULARY

Phrasal verbs (2) with *out* and *up*

- 1 Read the dictionary entries for two phrasal verbs. Answer the questions.

- What are the verbs?
- What do *sth* and *sb* stand for?
- Which groups of phrasal verbs are separable? Which are inseparable?

PHRV work sth out 1 to find the answer; to solve sth: *I can't work out how to do this.* 2 to calculate sth: *I worked out the total cost.*

work out 1 to progress in a good way: *I hope things work out for you.* 2 to do physical exercise to keep your body fit: *We work out to music at my exercise class.*

PHRV make sth up 1 to invent sth, often sth that is not true: *to make up an excuse.* 2 to form sth: *the different groups that make up society.*

make up (with sb) to become friends again after an argument: *Has she made up with him yet?*

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs in exercise 1.

- Sherlock Holmes _____ who committed the crime.
- That's a lie. You _____ that _____, didn't you?
- I know we argue a lot, but we always kiss and _____ afterwards.
- Don't worry, things will _____ in the end. They always do.
- He's determined to lose weight. He _____ at the gym every day.
- Women _____ 56 per cent of the students in this university.
- Can you _____ this bill for me? I don't understand all those figures.
- You must have _____ the answers by now.

- 3 Many more phrasal verbs are formed with *out* and *up*. Match a verb in A with a line in B.

A	B
1 find out	all my CDs
2 break up	in a Chinese restaurant
3 break out of	golf
4 eat up	with a boyfriend/girlfriend
5 eat out	all your greens and you'll be healthy
6 save up	what time the train leaves
7 sort out	with a friend after a row about money
8 take up	a good idea
9 fall out	to buy a new car
10 come up with	jail

- 4 Replace the words in *italics* with one of the phrasal verbs from exercise 3 in the correct form.

- You need to learn to relax. Why don't you *start doing* yoga?
- He's just *thought of* a brilliant plan to save the business.
- There's no dessert until you've *finished* all your meat and vegetables.
- Anne and Tony aren't talking to each other. They must have *had an argument*. They may even have *ended their relationship*.
- Did you hear the news? Three dangerous prisoners have *escaped from* the local prison.
- You must learn to *organize* your washing into coloureds and whites.
- We *aren't spending much money* so we can buy a house.
- Have you *discovered* why you didn't get the job?

T 11.13 Listen and check.

- 5 Work with a partner. Complete these sentences in any suitable way. Read them aloud to the class and compare ideas.

- I've just found out ...
- I never eat out ...
- I don't ever fall out with ...
- I can't work out ...
- I'm saving up ...
- I need to sort out ...
- I've just come up with ...
- It's important to make up ...

T 11.14 Listen and compare. What are the responses?

