

1 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

can be can't have been could be
~~might have been~~ must have been
 mustn't be should be should have been

- Some people say crop circles might have been made by extraterrestrials, or possibly by bizarre weather.
- They didn't call me back so I _____ selected for a second audition.
- Luggage _____ left in the airport for security reasons.
- The ice cream's melted. It _____ left out of the freezer.
- Bread dough _____ be moulded into a variety of shapes.
- If the evidence is unclear, he _____ found innocent.
- My package _____ delivered last night according to my original email.
- In our shops, all customers _____ spoken to in a friendly manner.

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box in the active or passive form.

break elect mend take x3 trust wear

- You were lucky. You could have broken your ankle.
- It seems like we _____ anything we read anymore.
- A red flag at the beach _____ always _____ seriously.
- Looking at the clothes, this photo _____ in the 1990s.
- We _____ a taxi and saved ourselves some time.
- Unfortunately, it seems that my laptop _____.
- If she had run a better campaign, she _____.
- If you're cycling on the road, you _____ a helmet.

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Some sentences are correct.

-  I don't want to sell it but for the right price, I could be persuaded. X could be persuaded
- That photo could be hung anywhere and it would look great. _____
- You ought to be send a confirmation email. Didn't you receive one? _____
- I can be asked to work tomorrow. I hope not. _____
- Your answers should have been written in pen, not in pencil. _____
- I don't care. A mobile phone could always be replaced. _____
- If we hadn't lit that fire, we might not rescue. _____
- The heat should turn down so the rice doesn't stick to the pan. _____

4 Rewrite the sentences with modal verbs and passive forms so that the meaning stays the same.

- I'm certain that mosquitos bit her during the night.
She must have been bitten by mosquitos during the night.
- I'm not sure, but maybe they cooked the pancakes in butter.

- It was a mistake that no one warned us.

- You have permission to hand in your assignments early.

- My advice is to give all students the chance to retake the exam.

- There's a chance that they will disqualify Desi from the tournament.

- Only \$12? I'm certain they didn't charge us for the food.

- It's obligatory for visitors to leave their bags in the lockers.

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- 2 can't have been
- 3 mustn't be
- 4 must have been
- 5 can be
- 6 could be
- 7 should have been
- 8 should be

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- 2 can't trust
- 3 should (always) be taken
- 4 must have been taken
- 5 ought to have taken
- 6 can't be mended
- 7 could have been elected
- 8 must wear

3

- 2 ✓
- 3 X ought to **have been sent**
- 4 X I **could / might** be asked
- 5 ✓
- 6 X **can** always be
- 7 X might not **have been** rescued
- 8 X should **be turned** down

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- 2 The pancakes could / may / might have been cooked in butter.
- 3 We should have been warned.
- 4 Assignments may / can be handed in early.
- 5 All students should be given the chance to retake the exam.
- 6 Desi might / could / may be disqualified from the tournament.
- 7 We can't have been charged for the food.
- 8 Visitors' bags must be / have to be left in the lockers.