

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- Some people say crop circles *should have been* / *might have been* made by extraterrestrials.
- They didn't call me back so I *can't have been* / *can't be* selected for a second audition.
- Luggage *mustn't be* / *couldn't be* left in the airport.
- The ice cream has melted. It *must have been* / *ought to have been* left out of the freezer.
- Bread dough *might be* / *can be* moulded into a variety of shapes.
- If the evidence is unclear, he *could have been* / *could be* found innocent.
- Your package *should be* / *should have been* delivered last night.
- In our shops, all customers *should be* / *might be* spoken to in a friendly manner.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets in the active or passive form.

- You were lucky. You *could have broken* your ankle. (could / break)
- It seems like we anything we read anymore. (can't / trust)
- A red flag at the beach always seriously. (should / take)
- Looking at the clothes, this photo in the 1990s. (must / take)
- We a taxi and saved ourselves some time. (ought to / take)
- Unfortunately, it seems that my laptop (can't / mend)
- If she had run a better campaign, she (could / elect)
- If you're cycling on the road, you a helmet. (must / wear)

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

-  I don't want to sell it but for the right price, I could be persuade. *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 the modal verb in brackets and a passive form so that the meaning stays the same.

- I'm certain that mosquitos bit her during the night. (must)
She must have been bitten by mosquitos during the night.
- I'm not sure, but maybe they cooked the pancakes in butter. (could)
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- It was a mistake that no one warned us. (should)
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- You have permission to hand in your assignments early. (may)
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- My advice is to give all students the chance to retake the exam. (should)
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- There's a chance that they will disqualify Desi from the tournament. (might)
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- Only \$12? I'm certain they didn't charge us for the food. (can)
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- It's obligatory for visitors to leave their bags in the lockers. (must)
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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

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