

PAST MODALS REVIEW DEGREES OF CERTAINTY

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QUESTION: **Why wasn't Kate in class?**

POSITIVE STATEMENTS

Degree	Example sentence	Comments
%100	She was ill.	۱. گوینده کاملاً مطمئن است. صد درصد
%95	She must have been ill. She had to have been ill.	۲. گوینده یک نتیجه منطقی را بیان می کند. تقریباً مطمئن است. (۹۵ درصد)
Less than %50	She may have been ill. She might have been ill. She could have been ill.	۳. گوینده یک احتمال را بیان می کند. (۵۰ درصد و کمتر)

QUESTION: **Why didn't Tom eat?**

NEGATIVE STATEMENTS

Degree	Example sentence	Comments
%100	He wasn't hungry.	۱. گوینده کاملاً مطمئن است. صد درصد
%99	He couldn't have been hungry. He can't have been hungry.	۲. بیان یک کار تقریباً غیر ممکن (۹۹ درصد)
%95	He must not have been hungry.	۳. گوینده یک نتیجه منطقی را بیان می کند. تقریباً مطمئن است. (۹۵ درصد)
Less than %50	He may not have been hungry. He might not have been hungry.	۴. گوینده یک احتمال را بیان می کند. (۵۰ درصد و کمتر)

Yes/No Questions: Could

could	subject	have	Past Participle
Could	he	have	Seen a ghost?

Did he see a ghost?

Is it possible that he saw a ghost?

Do you think he saw a ghost?

I wonder if he saw a ghost.

Short Answers

subject	Modal/had to	Have
He	May(not) Might(not) Can't Could(not) Must(not) Had to	have.

QUESTION: **What happened to the dinosaurs?**

POSITIVE STATEMENTS

Degree	Example sentence	Comments
%100	They were killed by a meteor.	۱. گوینده کاملاً مطمئن است. صد درصد
%95	They must have been killed by a meteor. They had to have been killed by a meteor.	۲. گوینده یک نتیجه منطقی را بیان می کند. تقریباً مطمئن است. (۹۵ درصد)
Less than %50	They may have been killed by a meteor. They might have been killed by a meteor. They could have been killed by a meteor.	۳. گوینده یک احتمال را بیان می کند. (۵۰ درصد و کمتر)

NEGATIVE STATEMENTS

Degree	Example sentence	Comments
%100	They were not killed by a meteor.	۱. گوینده کاملاً مطمئن است. صد درصد
%99	They couldn't have been killed by a meteor. They can't have been killed by a meteor.	۲. بیان یک کار تقریباً غیر ممکن (۹۹ درصد)
%95	They must not have been killed by a meteor.	۳. گوینده یک نتیجه منطقی را بیان می کند. تقریباً مطمئن است. (۹۵ درصد)
Less than %50	They may not have been killed by a meteor. They might not have been killed by a meteor.	۴. گوینده یک احتمال را بیان می کند. (۵۰ درصد و کمتر)

Yes/No Questions: Could

could	subject	have	been	p.p.
Could	they	have	been	Killed by a meteor?

Were they killed by a meteor?

Is it possible that they were killed by a meteor?

Do you think they were killed by a meteor?

I wonder if they were killed by a meteor.

Short Answers

subject	Modal/had to	Have+ been
They	May(not) Might(not) Can't Could(not) Must(not) Had to	have been .

ACTIVE

PASSIVE