Must Have / Might Have / Can't Have

Tres significados sobre el pasado

Para hablar de antes: must have = «debe de haber»; might have = «puede que haya»; can't have = «no puede haber». Son conclusiones o posibilidades, no órdenes. Después de have va la tercera forma del verbo: go, went, gone. Aquí usa might have para la posibilidad y can't have para la negativa.

Ejemplo resuelto

The ground was wet. It ____ rained. → The ground was wet. It must have rained.
El suelo estaba mojado. Debe de haber llovido.

Completa con must have, might have o can't have según la situación.

01. The floor had wet footprints leading to the sink.
Someone _____ walked across the wet floor.

02. Their train never left the station.
They _____ reached Leeds on that train.

03. The receipt showed payment for three books.
Someone _____ paid for three books.

04. The envelope was not bought until today.
The visitor _____ posted that envelope yesterday.

05. The tray contained six freshly filled cups.
Someone _____ poured six drinks.

06. The board had a freshly written date on it.
Someone _____ written today's date.

07. The jar contained freshly squeezed lemon juice.
Someone _____ squeezed some lemons.

08. The bag was made this morning.
The visitor _____ carried it last week.

09. The garden had new plants in freshly dug soil.
Someone _____ planted something.

10. I do not know where the camera went.
Someone _____ borrowed it.

11. The floor stayed completely dry all evening.
The visitor _____ spilled water on it that evening.

12. Nobody knows why there are extra potatoes.
Someone _____ brought another bag.

13. The bowl held freshly peeled potatoes.
Someone _____ peeled the potatoes.

14. The camera stayed locked in the cupboard.
The visitor _____ used it at the zoo that day.

15. The board was not installed until today.
The visitor _____ used it here yesterday.

16. The app showed a completed train booking.
Someone _____ booked a train journey.

17. The cups stayed locked in the cupboard.
The visitor _____ served drinks in them then.

18. There were no lemons or lemon juice in the kitchen.
The cook _____ used lemon juice from that kitchen.

19. The garden did not exist until this spring.
The visitor _____ planted flowers there last winter.

20. Nobody knows why a cup is missing.
Someone _____ taken it upstairs.

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21. The camera contained a photo taken at the zoo.
Someone _____ taken a photo at the zoo.

22. The potatoes stayed whole with all their skins on.
The visitor _____ peeled those potatoes then.

23. Nobody knows who cleaned the board.
The caretaker _____ wiped it.

24. The shop had no books for sale yesterday.
The visitor _____ bought books there yesterday.

25. The photos showed the hikers beside the summit sign.
The hikers _____ reached the summit.

26. The shelf held a trophy from the final.
The team _____ won a trophy.

27. I do not know why a plant is missing.
Someone _____ moved it to another bed.

28. We do not know why the letter is late.
Someone _____ sent it to the wrong address.

29. I did not watch the drink being made.
Someone _____ added lemon juice.

30. The bag had a fresh repair stitch along its strap.
Someone _____ mended the strap.

31. We do not know who left the bag here.
A passenger _____ forgotten it.

32. We have not heard about their route.
The hikers _____ taken the forest path.

33. The ticket showed an entry stamp from this morning.
Someone _____ used the ticket this morning.

34. The team did not take part in that final.
It _____ won that final.

35. I do not know why the floor is wet.
Someone _____ spilled a drink.

36. The envelope had a postmark from yesterday.
The post office _____ stamped it yesterday.

37. We do not know where the new books came from.
Someone _____ donated them.

38. We have no details about the journey.
The travelers _____ traveled overnight.

39. The forest path was closed throughout their trip.
They _____ used that path during the trip.

40. We did not watch the final and have no result.
The team _____ lost the final.

Soluciones

Frases completas. La respuesta del hueco aparece en negrita.

01. Someone **must have** walked across the wet floor.
02. They **can't have** reached Leeds on that train.
03. Someone **must have** paid for three books.
04. The visitor **can't have** posted that envelope yesterday.
05. Someone **must have** poured six drinks.
06. Someone **must have** written today's date.
07. Someone **must have** squeezed some lemons.
08. The visitor **can't have** carried it last week.
09. Someone **must have** planted something.
10. Someone **might have** borrowed it.
11. The visitor **can't have** spilled water on it that evening.
12. Someone **might have** brought another bag.
13. Someone **must have** peeled the potatoes.
14. The visitor **can't have** used it at the zoo that day.
15. The visitor **can't have** used it here yesterday.
16. Someone **must have** booked a train journey.
17. The visitor **can't have** served drinks in them then.
18. The cook **can't have** used lemon juice from that kitchen.
19. The visitor **can't have** planted flowers there last winter.
20. Someone **might have** taken it upstairs.
21. Someone **must have** taken a photo at the zoo.
22. The visitor **can't have** peeled those potatoes then.
23. The caretaker **might have** wiped it.
24. The visitor **can't have** bought books there yesterday.
25. The hikers **must have** reached the summit.
26. The team **must have** won a trophy.
27. Someone **might have** moved it to another bed.
28. Someone **might have** sent it to the wrong address.
29. Someone **might have** added lemon juice.
30. Someone **must have** mended the strap.
31. A passenger **might have** forgotten it.
32. The hikers **might have** taken the forest path.
33. Someone **must have** used the ticket this morning.
34. It **can't have** won that final.
35. Someone **might have** spilled a drink.
36. The post office **must have** stamped it yesterday.
37. Someone **might have** donated them.
38. The travelers **might have** traveled overnight.
39. They **can't have** used that path during the trip.
40. The team **might have** lost the final.