

MODAL VERBS, DEDUCTION ABOUT THE PAST

- 1. I don't know why there weren't any buses yesterday. They **could have been** on strike but I'm not really sure
- 2. You **must have seen** her. She was standing right next to you.
- 3. We'll ask at reception. Someone might have handed in your keys.
- 4. He **can't have gone** to Russia. He hasn't got a passport.
- 5. I explained it but she **may have misunderstood** my Japanese isn't very good.
- 6. He **could have gone** to the city centre. He did say he wanted to go shopping.
- 7. It **must have rained** a lot in the night. There are puddles everywhere.
- 8. I must have written down the number incorrectly. I've just called a hospital not the
- 9. restaurant.
- 10. She can't have gone to the beach. She hates being in the sun.
- 11. They **must have misunderstood** my directions. Why else are they late?