

Modal Perfects: Fill in the appropriate modal perfect.

1. John is usually here on time. He _____ the meeting (**forget** - expressing certainty).
2. I _____ for a run, but it was raining (**go** – past willingness to do an action not taken).
3. We _____ the project earlier (**finish** – expressing regret).
4. They _____. She left before he arrived (**meet** – expressing impossibility).
5. You _____ the other road. That was a shorter route (**take** – expressing past possibility).
6. If you had told me, I _____ you (**help** – past willingness to do an action not taken)
7. He _____ us. He hasn't said anything (**see** – expressing past certainty, negative).
8. You _____ so angry (**be** – expressing past advice, negative).
9. They _____ us about the problem before we arrived (**tell** – expressing past possibility).
10. The light was on inside. It _____ (**close** – expressing impossibility).

Answers

1. John is usually here on time. He **must have forgotten** the meeting.
2. I **would have gone** for a run, but it was raining.
3. We **should have finished** the project earlier.
4. They **can't have met**. She left before he arrived.
5. You **could have taken** the other road. That was a shorter route.
6. If you had told me, I **would have helped** you.
7. He **mustn't have seen** us. He hasn't said anything.
8. You **shouldn't have been** so angry.
9. They **could have told us** about the problem before we arrived.
10. The light was on inside. It **can't have been** closed.