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PAST MODALS OF DEDUCTION EXERCISE PDF

The following sentences are about an escaped criminal. Rewrite them using the past modals of deduction.

1 It is almost certain that he left before breakfast.

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2 It is highly unlikely that he carried the gold by himself.

_____ .

3 It seems quite likely that he had an accomplice.

_____ .

4 He has almost certainly been spotted by the police by now.

_____ .

5 It is possible but unlikely that he headed towards London.

_____ .

6 It's quite possible that he gave himself up.

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7 It is almost certain that he realised how serious it was.

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8 It is highly unlikely that he thought things through clearly.

_____ .

9 Possibly he escaped by boat.

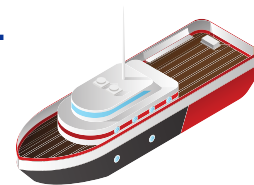
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10 It's quite likely that he made contact with his friends.

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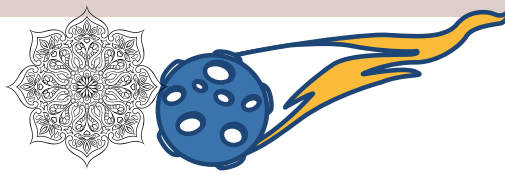
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PAST MODALS OF DEDUCTION EXERCISE PDF **Answer key**

The following sentences are about an escaped criminal. Rewrite them using the past modals of deduction.

1 It is almost certain that he left before breakfast.

He must have left before breakfast.

2 It is highly unlikely that he carried the gold by himself.

He can't/couldn't have carried the gold by himself.

3 It seems quite likely that he had an accomplice.

He may have had an accomplice.

4 He has almost certainly been spotted by the police by now.

He must have been spotted by the police right now.

5 It is possible but unlikely that he headed towards London.

He might have headed towards London.

6 It's quite possible that he gave himself up.

He could/may have given himself up.

7 It is almost certain that he realised how serious it was.

He must have realised how serious it was.

8 It is highly unlikely that he thought things through clearly.

He can't/couldn't have thought things through clearly.

9 Possibly he escaped by boat.

He could have escaped by boat.

10 It's quite likely that he made contact with his friends.

He may have made contact with his friends.

11 It is possible but unlikely that he committed suicide.

He might have committed suicide.

