

## Modals of deduction: practice

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I think I've been ripped off. I ordered a camera on mail order and sent off a cheque for a thousand dollars. That was six weeks ago and I haven't heard anything.

I think my heart has stopped beating! I tried to feel my pulse this afternoon but I couldn't feel a thing.

When I came home from the pub last night, I put the key in my front door but it wouldn't fit. I tried three times and in the end I had to sleep in the car.

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## Possible responses

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*You might have left it in the office.*

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*He could have been busy at work.*

I'm worried about my grandmother. She never goes out but when I called her this afternoon, no one answered.  
*She might have been asleep. / She may not have heard the phone ring.*

I think I've been ripped off. I ordered a camera on mail order and sent off a cheque for a thousand dollars. That was six weeks ago and I haven't heard anything.  
*It could have got lost in the post or they might be out of stock.*

I think my heart has stopped beating! I tried to feel my pulse this afternoon but I couldn't feel a thing.  
*Your heart can't have stopped beating. You can't have taken your pulse properly - you must have had your fingers in the wrong place.*

When I came home from the pub last night, I put the key in my front door but it wouldn't fit. I tried three times and in the end I had to sleep in the car.  
*You must have been drunk. You must have been trying to get into the wrong flat.*

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*They must have made a mistake.*

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*It might have been his colleague. She might have run into a friend.*