Must Have + Past Participle

Use *must have* + past participle for past events that almost certainly happened.

Example:

We left three pieces of chocolate on the table, and now they’re gone.

Somebody *must have eaten* them.

A. Write a response to each statement. (There can be more than one correct response.)
Each response should include this grammatical form: *must have* + past participle.

1. When we walked out of the theater after the movie, the sidewalks were wet.
   
   *It must have rained while we were in the theater.*

2. She came back from the ski trip with her arm in a cast.

3. We thought the festival ended at 10 p.m., but when we got there at 9, everybody was leaving.

4. It was raining when he went to the restaurant, but it wasn’t raining when he went home. Now he can’t find his umbrella.

5. I thought the man who was selling scarves said the scarf was $40, but when I walked away, he said, “OK, then $13.”

6. When she arrived at her surprise birthday party, she didn’t seem surprised at all.

7. We left the cat alone in our apartment. When we got home, the vase was in pieces on the floor.

B. Read the statements and responses aloud with a partner.

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Some possible answers:

2. She must have broken her arm while skiing. / She must have fallen while skiing.
3. The festival must have ended at 9 p.m.
4. He must have left his umbrella at the restaurant. / He must have forgotten his umbrella at the restaurant.
5. The man must have said the scarf was $14. / I must have misunderstood the man / I must have misunderstood the price.
6. Someone must have told her about the surprise party. / She must have suspected it was a surprise party.
7. The cat must have knocked the vase onto the floor. / The cat must have broken the vase.