

## 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.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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.