Verbi modali 2: tempi passati (Unità 39–45, 48)

I principali usi dei verbi modali al passato sono:

- **Abilità e possibilità** could, couldn't, was/were able to
  
  I could walk when I was one year old.  
  We couldn't wear jeans at school.

- **Permesso** could, couldn't
  
  We couldn't wear jeans at school.

- **Obbligo** had to, didn't have to
  
  We had to wear a tie at school.  
  I didn't need to go.

- **Necessità** needed to, didn't need to, needn't have
  
  You must have been exhausted.

- **Certezza e deduzione** must have, can't have, could have, might have
  
  You should have said 'hello'.

- **Consigli e suggerimenti** should have, ought to have

1 Correggi le frasi scrivendo la forma al passato dei verbi modali.

0 When I was at school, we _can't_ wear _couldn't_ wear jeans.

1 I can't go _out_ last night. I need to do _my homework_.

2 We don't have to go _to school_ yesterday.

3 I have to leave _school_ early yesterday. I have to go _to the dentist_.

4 Only a few people passed the exam. It must be _very difficult_.

5 I've lost my bag. I think I might _leave_ it on the bus.

6 You really should visit _the Coliseum_ when you were in Rome.

2 Completa i dialoghi con _could_ o _couldn't_ e i verbi del riquesto.

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0 A Did you get that new mobile you wanted?  
B No, I _couldn't afford_ it.

1 A Did you get some money?  
B No, I _found_ an ATM.

2 A How was the concert?  
B It was OK, but we were at the back and we _couldn't hear_ much.

3 A Can you use mobiles at school?  
B Well, we _could_ use them in my old school, but it's not allowed in my new school.

4 A When did you first learn French?  
B Well, I _could_ to ten when I was five.

5 A Did you go to the match last night?  
B No, I _must_ a ticket, so I watched it on TV.

3 Completa le frasi in modo che il significato non cambi. Devi usare tra due e cinque parole, inclusa la parola in corsivo.

0 Peter's new TV is amazing. I think it cost thousands of pounds. _must_  
Peter's new TV is amazing. It _must have cost_ thousands of pounds.

1 I wasn't allowed to play computer games until I was twelve. _couldn't_  
I _must have_ computer games until I was twelve.

2 It wasn't necessary to change the shoes. They _fit_ perfectly. _need_  
I _must have_ the shoes. They _fit_ perfectly.

3 It was obligatory to study at least one language when I was at school. _had_  
We _had_ at least one language when I was at school.

4 My internet connection wasn't working earlier. I think there was a problem with the server. _must_  
My internet connection wasn't working earlier. There _must_ a problem with the server.

5 Where's Lucy? Do you think it's possible that she _missed_ the bus? _might_  
Where's Lucy? Do you think she _missed_ the bus?

6 It's not possible that you left your bag in the car. I've _checked_ it twice. _can't_  
You _can't have_ your bag in the car. I've _checked_ it twice.

4 Completa le frasi relative ai cambiamenti legislativi nel Regno Unito con la forma corretta, al presente o al passato, dei verbi modali.

0 Today, you _can't_ smoke in public buildings, but before 2008 you _could_.

1 Today, all tobacco advertising is banned in the UK. Before 2005, tobacco companies _advertised_ in magazines and before 1965 they _advertised_ on TV.

2 You _must_ wear a seat belt in a car – it's the law. But before 1982, you _ought to have_ wear one.

3 Today, all women over the age of 18 _voted_ in the UK. However, before 1918, women in the UK _could vote_, and until 1928, only women over 30 _voted_.

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