

Past modal perfect tense is used when it is unknown if the subject performed an action in the past, but it's possible, necessary, or likely. The past modal perfect tense begins with any **past tense modal** (could, should, would, might) followed by "have," plus a past tense action verb (regular verbs ending with "-ed" and many irregular verbs ending with -en). For example,

*The bride **would have landed** on the cake...*
*The bride's maids **should have seen** Gloria on the floor...*

Write the correct form of the action verb in parenthesis in the blank.

Could have (select) _____

Should have (got) _____

Might have (rise) _____

Would have (scrub) _____

Could have (inspect) _____

Should have (keep) _____

Present modal perfect tense is used when it is unknown if the subject performed an action prior to some designated point in its future **OR** past, but it's possible, necessary or likely that the subject will or did. A present modal perfect tense begins with any **present tense modal** (will, may, shall, must) followed by "have," plus the past tense of the action verb (regular verbs ending with "-ed" and many irregular verbs ending with "-en"). For example,

*Gloria **may have torn** her wedding dress.*

May have (wiggle) _____

Shall have (sneeze) _____

Will have (beat) _____

May have (sell) _____

Shall have (shrink) _____

Past modal progressive tense is used when it is unknown if the subject is in the process of performing an action, but it's possible, necessary or likely. The past modal progressive tense begins with any **past tense modal** (could, should, would, might) followed by "be," plus the "-ing" form of the action verb. For example,

*The fight **might be ruining** the entire evening.*

Should be (swoop) _____

Might be (embarrass) _____

Would be (weep) _____

Could be (sweat) _____

Present modal progressive tense is used when it is unknown if the subject will be in the process of performing an action **OR** plans to take an action at some point in the future, but it's possible, necessary or likely that he is or will. Present modal progressive tense begins with any **present tense modal** (will, may, shall, can, must) followed by "be," plus the present participle "-ing" form of the action verb. For example,

*The burly young man **must be thinking** of his senior prom.*

Will be (sneer) _____

May be (imbibe) _____

Shall be (demonstrate) _____

Can be (sting) _____

Must be (split) _____

Past perfect progressive tense is used to indicate that at some point in the past, the subject was in the process of performing an action, but the action is over. The **past perfect progressive tense** begins with "had" followed by "been," plus the "-ing" form of the action verb. For example,

*Gloria **had been planning** this wedding for a long time.*

Had been (answer) _____

Had been (observe) _____

Had been (set) _____

Had been (hold) _____

Had been (forgive) _____

Present perfect progressive tense indicates that at some point in the past, the subject began performing an action, and the subject continues to, even up to the present, to perform the action. The present perfect progressive tense begins with "has" (singular) or "have" (plural) followed by "been," plus the "-ing" form of the action verb. For example,

*René **has been puzzling** over the look on Gloria's face ever since the burly young man arrived.*

Circle has, have, or had depending on which one agrees with the subject. Also, write the correct form of the verb in parenthesis.

Roy (has/have/had) been (lie) _____

Singers (have/had/has) been (disagree) _____

She (has/had/have) been (catch) _____

The guests (have/has/had) been (arrive) _____

They (have/has/had) been (switch) _____

Write two sentences for each of the following that use the verb tense indicated and an action verb of your choice. Use a different action verb in each sentence.

1. Past perfect progressive (had + been + -ing)
2. Past modal perfect (could/would/should/might + have + -ed or -en)
3. Present modal progressive (will/may/shall/can/must + be + -ing)
4. Past modal progressive (could/would/should/might + be + -ing)
5. Present perfect progressive (has/have + been + -ing)
6. Present modal perfect (will/may/shall/must + have + -ed or -en)