

Practice Exercises

8 (1) The Secret Code: Exercise A

Match the person with the correct statement about that person.

- a. He couldn't have done it alone because he doesn't know anything about computers.
- b. He might have done it since he needs to pay for gambling debts.
- c. He installed an alarm in his drawer so he would know if it had been opened.
- d. She might have done it because her husband is sick and they need money.
- e. She couldn't have done it alone since she was in Europe on Sunday.



Phil _____



Shirley _____



Bob _____



Dan _____



Leslie _____

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8 (1) The Secret Code: Exercise B

Fill in the blanks with the verb form which best fits the context, either past or past perfect, active or passive voice.

1. About six weeks ago Bob got suspicious that someone **(get)** _____ into his drawer. He wasn't sure, but it looked as if things **(move)** _____. Bob kept a small code book. He generally **(change)** _____ the passwords every week or two, and the book was where he wrote them down. He wasn't sure if anyone **(look)** _____ in the book. The first thing he did was write a program that monitored access to his files. It kept a record of when the files **(open)** _____. It also made a record of any passwords which **(use)** _____.
2. Early Monday morning Bob **(arrive)** _____ at the office and checked the computer. He discovered that someone **(access)** _____ his files twice during the weekend. He looked at the times and **(make)** _____ a note of them. Then he **(check)** _____ to see when his drawer **(open)** _____.
3. He was sure that whoever **(break in)** _____ had a copy of his key. He couldn't figure out how they **(can)** _____ have gotten it. He **(think)** _____ about changing the lock on his desk drawer, but he **(decide)** _____ against it. He didn't want the guilty person to know that he was suspicious.

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8 (1) The Secret Code: Exercise C: Making Inferences

Read the facts, and then choose the strongest inference (negative or positive) that can be made from the facts provided. Use only the facts provided below.

1. **Facts:** No one opened the desk drawer containing the new codes. The files had been accessed, and the codes were the only way to access the files.
 - a. There might have been another way to access the codes.
 - b. There must have been another way to access the codes.
 - c. There couldn't have been another way to access the codes.

2. **Facts:** Whoever wrote the program knows about computers. Dan knows a lot about computers. Phil doesn't know anything about computers.
 - a. Dan must have written the program.
 - b. Phil might have written the program.
 - c. Phil must not have written the program.

3. **Facts:** Shirley's flight left at 1:00 p.m., and she checked in around noon. It takes at least an hour to drive from the office to the airport.
 - a. Shirley might have been in the office at 11:30 a.m.
 - b. Shirley must have been in the office at 9:00 a.m.
 - c. Shirley couldn't have been in the office at noon.

4. **Facts:** Dan was in the office after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon but not on Sunday. Leslie was also in the office on Saturday afternoon. Phil went into the office for a couple of hours on Sunday afternoon, but he wasn't in the office on Saturday. The files were accessed on both days.
 - a. If the files were accessed on Saturday morning, it might have been Dan.
 - b. Since the files were accessed on both days, neither Dan nor Phil could have done it alone.
 - c. Dan must have done it if the files were accessed on Saturday afternoon.

5. **Facts:** Leslie was with her husband at the hospital until 11:00 a.m. She came into the office on Saturday after leaving the hospital. Leslie's husband is very sick, and they need money.
 - a. Leslie must have done it because she and her husband need money.
 - b. Since Leslie needs money, she might have done it.
 - c. Leslie couldn't have done it if the files were accessed Saturday afternoon.

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8 (1) The Secret Code: Exercise D

Complete the sentences with the correct ending. Write the number of the sentence next to its sentence ending.

1. The project is nearing completion. If it's successful . . .
2. Because of its importance . . .
3. In order to access the files, . . .
4. He became suspicious . . .
5. In the book he kept the passwords . . .
6. He wasn't sure if . . .
7. Only a few people could have known . . .
8. It kept a record of when . .
9. He didn't want the guilty person to know . . .
10. He couldn't figure out . . .

(Sentence Endings)

- ____ . . . only a few people are familiar with its details.
- ____ . . . that someone had broken into his drawer.
- ____ . . . it's necessary to use a password.
- ____ . . . anyone had looked in the book.
- ____ . . . necessary to access the project files.
- ____ . . . it could bring a lot of business to the company.
- ____ . . . that the book even existed.
- ____ . . . the files were opened.
- ____ . . . how they could have gotten the key.
- ____ . . . that he was suspicious.

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8 (1) The Secret Code: Exercise E

Complete the sentences with the correct ending. Write the number of the sentence next to its sentence ending.

1. There are several competitors . . .
2. Nobody opened Bob's desk drawer, . . .
3. When she realized that he often changed the codes, . . .
4. If she went to the office on Saturday . . .
5. He may have been able to access the files . . .
6. They couldn't have known about Bob's book . . .
7. Since nobody opened Bob's drawer, . . .
8. Whoever wrote the program . .
9. The only way to have gotten into the drawer without a key was . . .
10. He might have done it . . .

(Sentence Endings)

- _____ . . . she couldn't have been there past 11:00.
- _____ . . . unless someone told them.
- _____ . . . because he knows a lot about computers.
- _____ . . . must have known about computers.
- _____ . . . where the codes were written down.
- _____ . . . there must have been another way to find the codes.
- _____ . . . she wrote a program to find the codes.
- _____ . . . if the drawer wasn't locked.
- _____ . . . who would be interested in the project.
- _____ . . . because he needed money to pay gambling debts.