

Structures

must have been (for time) using AGE

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Modal: must about PAST: must have been about XXX



Use: for saying WHEN something happened in the past: using AGE at the time

Structure: modal (must) + past infinitive – to (have been)

IMPORTANT: can only be used for things that are quite a long time ago (not last month!)

Note:

Use with “about” + my approximate age OR “in my early teens” etc (which is approximate)

Examples:

I think... I must have been about 14... something like that...

I think... I must have been in my early teens... something like that...

Modal: must about PAST: must have been about XXX



Note:

1. “something like that” to emphasise approximate
2. Speak in a thoughtful way

Examples in context:

I do not remember exactly when I met John... but... I think... I must have been about 8 or 9... something like that...

I cannot remember exactly when I last listened to classical music... but... I suppose... I must have been in my late teens... something like that...

Part 1 Questions



1. Do you often stay up late?
2. Do you often wear jewellery?
3. Have you ever learnt about outer space and the stars?
4. Have you ever thought about starting your own business?
5. What changes would you like to see in your school?
6. What kind of music do you enjoy?
7. Do you make plans for your weekend?
8. Do you always carry a lot of keys with you?

