

IELTS Speaking

Structure: past modal: must

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it must have been about (Past Modal)

I think it must have been about....

Saying **WHEN** an event happened in the **PAST**

Use often: can be used when the question does NOT directly ask when.

(1) Advanced structure (2) sounds thoughtful / natural

Note:

1. Speak **clearly and confidently**: it is VERY important that the examiner hears each word (this is more important than the contraction)
2. You must say “**I think**” or similar and “**about**”

Part 1: when

When did you last have your hair cut?

well...I think... **it must have been about** 3 weeks ago...something like that...

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When did you last have your hair cut?

well...I think... it m_____ a_____ 3 weeks _____s_____ like that...

Part 1: when

When did you last have your hair cut?

well...I think... it must have been about 3 weeks ago...something like that...

Part 1: when

1. three weeks
2. 2 hours
3. six months
4. 10 years
5. a couple of months
6. half an hour

Part 1: when

When did you last have your hair cut?

well...I think... it must have been about 3 weeks ago...something like that...

Part 1: when

1. I think
2. I suppose
3. I imagine
4. I guess

Part 1: when

When did you last have your hair cut?

well...I think... it m_____ a_____ 3 weeks _____s_____ like that...

Part 1: when

When did you last have your hair cut?

well...I think... **it must have been about** 3 weeks ago...something like that...

Part 1: when

1. something like that
2. more or less
3. maybe a bit longer

