

IELTS Speaking

Structures: past modal: must have been + age

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Modal: **must** about **PAST**: I must have been about XXX

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

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

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...

Note:

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

Modal: Drill: I must have been about XXX

I think I must have been about... 7 or 8 (years old)... something like that

Drill

I think I _____... 7 or 8... something like that

Drill

I think I must have been about... 7 or 8 years old... something like that

Drill

1. about... 7 or 8 years old...
2. 3 or 4...
3. in my early teens...
4. about 10 years old...
5. in my mid teens...

Drill

I think I must have been about... 7 or 8 years old... something like that

Drill

1. something like that
2. maybe a bit younger
3. approximately
4. maybe even younger
5. possibly a bit older
6. I'm not exactly sure

