



Going down the mountain, a snowboarder ran into Rhianna, and both her skis came off as she fell. That normally
 6 _____ (would not/be) much of a problem, but Rhianna continued to fall, and felt snow rushing past her. She thought it
 7 _____ (must/cause) by the snowboarder behind her, but in fact they'd started an avalanche, which carried her for 150 metres.

Rhianna found herself buried under a metre of snow. Her phone rang a couple of times, but she couldn't move to answer it. She thought her friends 8 _____ (might/try) to call her – in fact they assumed she 9 _____ (must/ski) on alone and was probably waiting for them round the corner. When she wasn't there, they looked for her in the snow.

It had been longer than 11 minutes when one of them finally found Rhianna, and they knew it was unlikely she 10 _____ (could/survive). She had no pulse, but after being given the kiss of life, she recovered. She was flown to hospital, where doctors worried she 11 _____ (may/suffer) brain damage. In fact, although she 12 _____ (should not/go) skiing wearing only light clothing, this is what saved her – her body temperature had dropped so low, it reduced her brain's need for oxygen. Rhianna knows she was very lucky and 13 _____ (could easily/die), and that she really 14 _____ (should/check) the avalanche risk. She certainly does now, whenever she goes off-piste!

Past modals – revision

9 Underline the correct answer.

- 1 A I'm sorry. I *shouldn't have / couldn't have* told Tom what you said about him.
 B It's too late! He'll never speak to me again!
- 2 A Where's the dog?
 B I don't know. Dad *may have / 'll have* taken him for a walk.
 A No. Now I remember. It's Tuesday, isn't it? Mum *should have / 'll have* taken him to the vet.
- 3 A Are Pat and Jan definitely coming? I *'d have / might have* thought they'd be here by now.
 B They *should have / could have* been held up by traffic.
 A Or they *might have / needn't have* had an accident!
 B Don't be silly. Anyway, we *'d have / must have* heard by now if something like that had happened.
- 4 A Who was that man?
 B He *can't have / must have* been a friend of Jane's. He was asking if I'd seen her.
- 5 A I'm starving. I think I *might / could* make myself a sandwich.
 B It's only nine o'clock! You *shouldn't have / couldn't have* eaten enough for breakfast.
- 6 A Helen *should / could* be at work by now. I wonder where she is.
 B Check your phone. She *should have / might have* messaged you to let you know she was going to be late.