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 - She **might well** call so keep your phone on.
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 - You **might have told** me about the party. I spent the whole of yesterday evening alone in my flat watching a boring film!
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- ...indicates that information is required? _____
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- ...suggests frustration that something wasn't done in the past? _____
- ...advises/warns someone to do (or not to do) something? _____
- ...indicates a strong possibility that something will happen? _____

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- It's stupid waiting for a bus at this time. You might as well _____
- You might have *told* me about the defective brakes on that bicycle I borrowed from you. _____
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