Listening for Complex Verb Phrases

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1. Choose the best answer.

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1. “It must’ve been awful” means…
   Choices: It must have been awful. / It must of been awful. / It must be awful.

   Answer: _____

2. “She’d been waiting” is…
   Choices: She had been waiting / She would been waiting / She is been waiting

   Answer: _____

3. In complex verb phrases, the strong word is usually…
   Choices: the main verb / the first auxiliary / the subject

   Answer: _____

4. “wouldn’t’ve been” means…
   Choices: would not have been / will not be / was not been

   Answer: _____

2. Complete the sentence.

Write one or two words.

1. “It must’ve been awful” = It must ___ been awful.

2. “She’d been waiting” = She ___ been waiting.

3. The auxiliaries in these phrases are usually ___ .

4. “hasn’t been” = ___ not been

3. Your turn.

Write your own answers.

1. Write three complex verb phrases.

3. Your turn. (continued)

2. Write a sentence with a complex phrase and its contraction.

3. Say it quickly with a partner and write what you hear.