



ENGLISH

Chapter 19 Session B

4th
SECONDARY

CRIME DOESN'T PAY
Modals



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Modals of Deduction and Possibility

- 1 Read the sentences below. Do they express *deduction* (D), *possibility* (P) or *impossibility* (I)?

- a **D** There must be something alive inside his bag.
b **I** It can't be a person.
c **P** It might be an animal.
d **P** He may be an animal smuggler.
e **P** It could be a dangerous snake.

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Look at the sentences in activity 1 again. Complete the rules with the words in the box.

can't isn't true it is possible
might must believe

- a We use the modal verbs *may*, might and *could* + base form of a verb when we think it is possible that something is true.
b must + base form of a verb is used when we believe something is true.
c can't + base form of a verb is used when we are sure something isn't true.

3 Match the deductions to their meanings.

a He must be a smuggler.

b He might be a smuggler.

c He can't be a smuggler.

C I'm certain he's not a smuggler.

B I think it's possible he's a smuggler.

A I'm certain he's a smuggler.

4 Read sentences a-f and match them with the deductions below.

- a** She speaks French and has a French passport.
- b** She used to live in Paris.
- c** Joanne hates dogs! A dog bit her when she was a child.
- d** I think Sheila likes dogs, but I'm not sure.
- e** I think I saw him on television yesterday.
- f** He's in that new movie we saw last week!

- C** That can't be Joanne's dog.
- F** He must be a famous actor.
- B** She may be French.
- E** He might be an actor.
- A** She must be French.
- D** That could be Sheila's dog.

5 Choose the correct words.

- a He **must** / **can't** be guilty. He's never committed a crime in his life!
- b There **could** / **must** be a dog in that bag. It's moving.
- c You **must** / **can't** be hungry. It's four o'clock and you haven't had lunch.
- d He **might** / **can't** be American. He speaks English.
- e Ask John. He **can't** / **might** know the answer.
- f This movie's terrible. You **might** / **can't** like it.

6 Look at the pictures of stolen items. Then complete the sentences with the most appropriate modal verb.

- a The speakers can't be Jane's. She never listens to music.
- b The sunglasses must be Pete's. Jane never wears them.
- c The money could/might be Jane's, but it might/could be Pete's too.
- d The camera can't be Pete's. He doesn't have one.
- e The e-book reader could/might be Pete's or Jane's. They both love reading.
- f The earrings must be Jane's. She bought a pair like those last year.



Listen to the sounds. Then write T for *true* or F for *false*.



- a 1 ☐ T It might be New Year's Eve.
2 ☐ F It can't be a celebration.
3 ☐ T It could be fireworks for the Fourth of July.

- b 1 ☐ F He can't be happy.
2 ☐ T He must be happy.
3 ☐ T He may have heard some good news.

- c 1 ☐ T It can't be a cat.
2 ☐ T A thief might be trying to steal something from the house!

- 3 ☐ F It must be a cat.
d 1 ☐ T It might be a restaurant.
2 ☐ F It must be a library.
3 ☐ T Someone may be cooking dinner.

8 Choose the correct words.

Jack Hey, look! That's Andy Samberg, the actor.

Cath Who?

Jack Andy Samberg. He's in *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* on TV.

Cath No, it **a can't** / **must** be him!

Jack Why not? He **b might** / **can't** live near here.

Cath No way! Andy Samberg lives in California.

Jack Well, he **c must** / **could** be here making a movie.


Cath He **d can't** / **may** be Andy! He's wearing glasses.

Jack He **e must** / **might** wear glasses in real life. Hey, look! He's coming this way.

Andy Excuse me. I don't know this area. I **f must** / **can't** be lost. Can you help me?

Jack Of course. Are you Andy Samberg, the actor?

Andy Yes, I am. Do you watch *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*? You **g must** / **can't** miss it!

- 9  **INTERFACE** Think of a friend. What are they doing now? Write sentences giving evidence and using modal verbs. Then discuss your sentences with a partner.

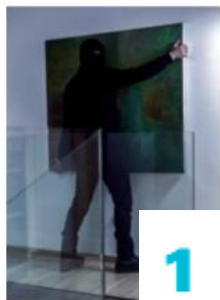
What is Carlos doing now?

He must be on vacation in Key West, because he went there on Sunday.
He might be at the beach.

Personal answer



Crime News



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Listen to the three news stories. Put the robberies in the order you hear them.

a

2

art theft

b

3


jewelry theft

c

1

a bank robbery



2  **63** Listen again and answer the questions.



- a Where was the bank robbery?
Mayfair Bank, London.
- b What happened to the bank robbers?
They have been sent to prison for 10 years.
- c How long was the painting missing for?
30 minutes.
- d Who did the painting belong to?
Movie star Paul Chambers.
- e What did Horatio Mandeville steal?
Diamonds.
- f How many times has he been found guilty before?
Five times.



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Listen again and complete the sentences.

- a Police investigated the bank robbery for three days.
- b Mrs. Johnson was found innocent by the court.
- c The painting was stolen from Paul Chambers' hotel room.
- d Security guards found the painting after 30 minutes.
- e The diamonds were worth more than 10 million euros.
- f Mandeville got out of prison two weeks ago.



Modals of Deduction and Possibility

1 Order the words to make sentences.

after / be / journey / long / must / tired / You / your
You must be tired after your long journey.

a after / be / big bowls / can't / cereal / hungry / of / She / three / eating
She can't be hungry after eating three big bowls of cereal.

b be / email / fraud / internet / might / of / some kind / This
This email might be some kind of internet fraud.

- c a / be / girl / could / model / over there / That
That girl over there could be a model.
- d problem / be / to / a solution / might not / this / There
There might not be a solution to this problem.
- e after / be / can't / hours of / sleep / tired / 12 / You
You can't be tired after 12 hours of sleep.
- f have / the / must / thief / through / window / The / open / climbed
The thief must have climbed through the open window.
- g our class / I / in / may / Russian / somebody / speak / think
I think somebody in our class may speak Russian.

2 Complete the sentences using *must be* or *can't be*.

He has an unusual accent. He must be foreign.

a He's had three car accidents this year so he can't be a good driver.

b He's just broken that car window. He must be a thief.

c She always says horrible things about her friends so she can't be a nice person.

d Somebody has just stolen his passport so he must be at the police station now.

e They started playing tennis in the hot sun two hours ago. They must be thirsty.

f This dictionary has my name in it so it can't be yours.

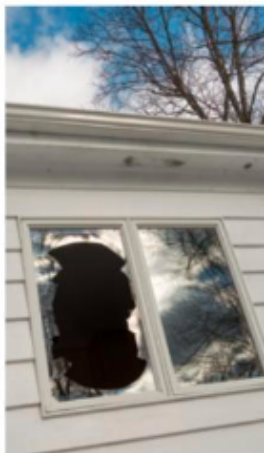
g We've only walked 200 meters. You can't be tired already.

Homework

3 Underline the correct words.

The living room window is broken. There **can't** / **might** be a thief in there.

- a They found the money and jewelry in her pockets. She **can't** / **must** be the thief.
- b Her face is very red. She **could** / **can't** be guilty or she **could** / **must** just be hot!
- c Don't try to catch the man because he **might** / **might not** have a knife and he **may** / **can't** be dangerous.
- d The house is dark. They **must** / **can't** be out.



- e Ask Andrew because he **can't** / **might** know the answer.
- f He has a private plane so he **must** / **could** be a smuggler.
- g The cat hasn't eaten for two days so I think it **can't** / **could** be sick.

4 Match statements a-h with responses 1-8.
Then complete the responses with *must*
or *can't*.

- a 3 He hasn't slept for three days.
- b 5 It's freezing in this house.
- c 7 I don't have any money.
- d 1 Alex is in Australia at the moment.
- e 8 I haven't had anything to eat all day.
- f 4 Let's try the new restaurant on Second Avenue.
- g 6 It's illegal to park there.
- h 2 There's nothing to eat in this house.

- 1 He can't be. I saw him in the mall an hour ago.
- 2 There must be some bread in the cabinet.
- 3 He must be exhausted, poor man.
- 4 It can't be good. There's never anybody eating there.
- 5 The heating must be broken again.
- 6 It can't be. Everybody always parks there.
- 7 That can't be right. I gave you \$30 yesterday.
- 8 You must be very hungry.