

ENGLISH

Chapter 8 Session A



MYSTERIES





Modal verbs of deduction and speculation

1 Read the examples and circle the correct option to complete the rules.

ı	Present	Past
	lt must be a joke.	lt must have been a joke.
	It might be the artist's work.	It might have been the artist's work.
	The figures could be a protest.	The figures could have been a protest.
	It can't be an advertising stunt.	It couldn't/can't have been an advertising stunt.

definitely/possibly true.
 We use could and might when we think something is definitely/possibly true.
 We use can't when we think something is definitely not/possibly not true.

1 We use *must* when we think that something is

4 To talk about the present past we use the modal verb + base form, and to talk about the present past we use modal verb + have + past participle.

2 Look at the photo and read what people said about it. Complete the sentences with *must*, could, might or can't. Do you agree?

- 1 The photocould/ might be in Britain or it could /might be in another country. I'm not sure.
- 2 It <u>must</u> be in a town because there aren't any tunnels like this in villages.
- 3 She 's wearing a dress, so she <u>can't</u> be a runner. Definitely not.
- 4 She^{could/ might}know the photographer, or hecould/ might a stranger.
- 5 She <u>must</u> want to go through the tunnel, or she wouldn't be there. I'm sure of that.
- 6 It <u>can't</u> be night time because I can see daylight at the end of the tunnel.





couldn't

We can use both *couldn't* and *can't* to speculate and make deductions about the past.

He can't/couldn't have had bad news.

- Look at the photo and complete the sentences. Use a modal and past form of the verbs in parentheses.
- 1 He can't/ couldn't have had bad news.
- 2 He might/ could/ must have won something.
- 3 He might/ could/ must have got a new job.
- 4 He might/ could/ must have heard something wonderful.
- He might/ could/ have asked his girlfriend to get married.
 If so, she must have said "Yes"!

4 Complete the text with present or past modals and the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.



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might /could be (be) in a museum, or it <sup>2</sup>
                                                      might/ could be
                                                                             (be) in an
                                   must like
art gallery. It isn't clear. He <sup>3</sup>
                                                      (like) the sculpture because he is
                                        can't be
taking a photo of it. Also, there 4
                                                          (be) any rules about taking
                                    can't/ couldn't have
photos there. The photographer
                                                           (take) the photo recently
                                            taken
                                                       could/ might be
because the camera looks really old. I suppose he
history or art student. I'm not sure, but he <sup>7</sup> might have done (do) a project about
this sculpture recently, and that's why he's there.
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- 1 Reinforcement Circle the correct option.
 - 1 It's so hot today. It must/can't be the hottest day of the year so far!
 - 2 She's over an hour late. Her train must be must have been canceled.
 - **3** What's this for? Do you think it **could must** be for grating cheese?
 - 4 I love my present. You must have must spent hours looking for it.
 - Who's that at the door? It can't could be Adrian he's in Canada right now.
 - 6 If he'd tried harder, he could/can't have won.



Challenge Complete the dialogue. Use must, could might or can't in the present or the past with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

l've lost my phone. Have you seen it?

It ¹ might be (be) in the kitchen. You often leave it on the table.

No, I've looked there. It ² must be (be) somewhere in the house, though.

You might have (drop) it in the hallway when you were taking your coat off.

No, it ⁴ can't be (be) in the hallway. You ⁵ must have put (put) it somewhere when you were cleaning the kitchen.

I haven't put it anywhere. Did you check your pockets? It ⁶ might be (be) there.

Oh, I can hear it ringing. It's in the dishwasher! I must have left (leave) it in there when I was putting the dishes in.



Challenge Write a second sentence which has the same meaning as the first. Use *must*, could/might or can't for speculation and deduction in the present or the past.



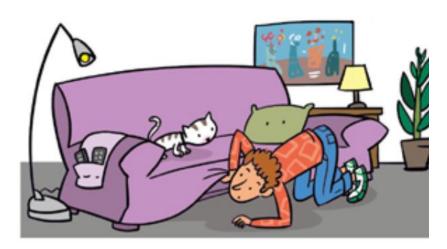
- 2 It can't be made of silver.
- 3 It could be made of gold.
- 4 It must be very old.
- **5** The ring might have been buried with him.
- 6 It can't have been left here by accident.



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4 Challenge Answer the questions about the pictures. Use modals for speculation and deduction.



1 What is he doing? Why?

2 Why is the student sad?

He could be looking for something. She must have forgotten her homework.



see you!

