

1 Match the endings of the sentences with their beginnings.

SPECULATION and DEDUCTION

1. The light's on.
2. The library's closed.
3. I don't know. I'll check.
4. I can't see Sally.
5. Who knows?

Ken must be at home.

Jamie can't/couldn't be in the library.

Sally might be at home.

She could have left already.

The train may have been delayed.

2 Match the sentences to their meanings.

1. The light's on. Ken must be at home.

We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

2. It can't/couldn't have rained/been raining. The roads are dry.

We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

3. Helen's late. She must have missed the train.

We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

4. He must have been going to work. That's why he was in a hurry.

We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

5. Jamie can't/couldn't be in the library. It's closed.
We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

6. Sally may/might/could be at home – I don't know.
We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

7. They may/might/could be watching us.
We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

8. The train may have been delayed. Who knows?
We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

9. She may/might/could have left already. I'll check.
We are sure it's true.
We are sure it's not true.
We are less sure it's true.

3. Sort out the sentences according to their time reference.

1. The light's on. Ken must be at home. Present/Past
2. It can't/couldn't have rained/been raining. The roads are dry. Present/Past
3. Helen's late. She must have missed the train. Present/Past
4. He must have been going to work. That's why he was in a hurry. Present/Past
5. Jamie can't/couldn't be in the library. It's closed. Present/Past
6. Sally may/might/could be at home – I don't know. Present/Past
7. They may/might/could be watching us. Present/Past
8. The train may have been delayed. Who knows? Present/Past
9. She may/might/could have left already. I'll check. Present/Past

Now check your answers with the page 101 of your coursebook.

Remember!

Present: modal + inf

Past: modal + have + past participle

Look at the third column in the table above. Complete the conversations with modals from the table and the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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1

A: Have you seen my make-up box in the bedroom?

B: No, you _____ it there. I've just tidied up and I didn't see it.

2

A: What happened to Sarah's necklace?

B: Nobody knows, but it _____.

3

A: Those shoes are so elegant! They _____ you a lot of money.

B: Not really – I got them in a sale.

4

A: Why is Mark looking so suntanned?

B: He _____ to the beach yesterday or else he _____ a sunlamp!

5

A: I saw Frank at the gym this morning.

B: Oh, So his illness _____ very serious!

6

A: Jane's nose looks completely different.

B: She _____ plastic surgery!