MODAL VERBS OF DEDUCTION

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MUST	CAN'T	MAY/MIGHT (NOT)
90-100% (sure it's TRUE)	**90-100% (sure NOT true)**	**30-50% (maybe it's TRUE)**
She must be in the garden. (=I'm sure she is in the garden)	She can't be his mother. She's too young. (=I'm sure she is NOT his mother)	He may/might be dead.
They must know each other.	He's just left. He can't be too far.	**30-50% (maybe NOT true)**
		He may/might not remember who you are. (=Maybe he does NOT remember)

Use can't (NOT ~~mustn't~~)

He's just left. He ~~mustn't~~ be too far.

He's just left. He can't be too far.

Use may/might (NOT can)

He isn't here. He can be at home.

He isn't here. He might be at home

+ be + -ing verb

to speculate about actions in progress

They are in Iniza. They must be having a great time.

You're always hungry. I think that you might not be eating enough protein.

New study suggests that air pollution may be making people unhappy.

THIRD CONDITIONAL

Structure IF + Past Perfect, Perfect Conditional

(Would/wouldn't + have + Past Participle)

Usage Imaginary situations in the past

Examples

- If I had got a gold medal, I would have been happy.
- If I had met Susan last week, I would have given her the book.
- If the weather had been good, we would have gone water-skiing.
- If you had got (gotten-US) up earlier, you would have caught the earlier train.

- **Grammar**

1 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

1 That *can't/could* be the right train. It's not 8.30 yet.

2 Those boots *must/may* be expensive! They're Jimmy Choo.

3 It *might/can't* be hot on the beach, so take some suntan lotion.

4 You *must/could* like detective fiction. You've got a lot of crime books.

5 That *can't/mustn't* be the right phone number. I keep getting some strange woman's voice!

6 Don't buy a book for Tara's birthday. She *can/might* already have it. Get her some flowers instead.

2 Complete the sentences using *must*, *can't* or *might* and the correct past modal form of the verbs given.

1 Stuart _____ (go) to play tennis. He had his racket with him, but maybe he's going after school.

2 The people who stole the painting _____ (be) professional art thieves because everything was very carefully arranged.

3 Paul _____ (cook) this cake! He doesn't know anything about baking!

4 Jamie _____ (go shopping) because he said he needed some new trainers, but I'm not sure.

5 Ralph _____ (repair) the computer already. He's only been here for five minutes.

6 We _____ (miss) the turning. This is the wrong road.

3 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use **[must/would/can't]**

1 I was very tired last night, so I didn't go to the party.

HAVE

If I hadn't been so tired last night, I _____ the party.

2 I'm sure that's Bill's new girlfriend because she's holding his hand!

BE

That _____ girlfriend because she's holding his hand!

3 I don't believe that you've finished the work already!

YOU

_____ work already!

4 I'm sure your work at the college is very interesting.

BE

Your work at the college _____ interesting.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.

1 If I'd read my essay more carefully, I _____ (correct) the mistakes.

2 If it _____ (not rain), Nadal would have won the match easily.

3 I _____ (be able to) buy the new iPad if I hadn't spent all my money on clothes last month.

4 If you _____ (tell) me you needed money, I would have lent you some.

5 He _____ (not miss) the train if his alarm clock had been working.

6 The government would have been more popular if they _____ (lower) taxes when they had the opportunity.