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Modal verbs. Expressing certainty.

Must

Must can be used to say that something seems sure/certain. e.g. *He didn't come to school today. He **must** feel bad. (=I am almost sure he feels bad.)*

Can't

The negative of *must* to talk about certainty is *can't*. e.g. *It **can't** be true. (= It is certainly not true.)*

May / Might

May and *might* are used to say that things are possible – perhaps they are true or perhaps they will happen. *Might* sometimes suggests a smaller possibility. e.g. *It **may** rain later today. I **might** visit a friend tonight.*

May not / Might not

May not/Might not are used to say that perhaps things are not true, or will not happen. e.g. *She **may not** / **might not** be ready.*

• Put in **must** or **can't**.

1. You have been working hard all day. You _____ be tired.
2. He passed all the exams very well. His parents _____ be proud of him.
3. This _____ be true. I am sure it's just another lie.
4. This café _____ be very good. Very few people come here.
5. 'How old is Mary?' 'She's older than me. She _____ be around 20.
6. He studied at this university. He _____ know the teachers from this Department.
7. Anna wears something green every day. She _____ like this colour.
8. This bill _____ be correct. It's too high.

• Fill in **must**, **can't**, **could**, **may** or **might** (not).

1. I always buy a lottery ticket. I _____ win one day.
2. What I heard on TV _____ be true. It is fake news.
3. The weather forecast says that it _____ rain today.
4. He always does well on exams. He _____ study hard.
5. Paul hasn't come to classes today. His friend told me he wasn't feeling well. He _____ be sick.
6. She doesn't seem worried about the accident. She _____ know the whole truth. Who's going to tell her?
7. They live in a huge house. They _____ be rich.