

SPECULATING: CAN – MUST – COULD

- * We use MUST when we have strong evidence and are certain that something is true.
- * We use COULD when we have weak evidence and we express a possibility that something is true.
- * We use CAN'T when we have strong evidence that something isn't true

FORM: We use MODAL VERB + INFINITIVE

- * They are on a journey around the world. They MUST BE rich.
- * They haven't arrived yet. They COULD BE stuck in traffic.
- * They are wearing shorts and t-shirts. It CAN'T BE cold.

1. Complete the sentences with CAN'T – COULD – MUST

1. They _____ be friends. They are all staying at the same cabin.
2. It _____ be a beautiful evening.
3. It _____ be cold.
4. They _____ like music.
5. They _____ be on holidays because they look relaxed.
6. It _____ be winter.
7. It _____ be a celebration at the end of the year.
8. He _____ be playing country music.
9. It _____ be dark because it's getting dark.



2. Complete the sentences with a personality or feeling word.

- A. She must be _____. She always buys everybody drinks in the break.
- B. He can't be _____. He's always smiling and happy.
- C. She's biting her nails. She must be _____.
- D. One moment he is sad and the next he is laughing. He must be really _____.
- E. She has said "Yes". He must be _____.
- F. They are lying on the beach under the sun. They look _____.
- G. Her boss is _____. It's the third time she arrives at work late.
- H. She's been out of work for two months now. She is _____.
- I. He is so _____, always thinking about what his old neighbor might need.
- J. They've won a holiday in Australia! They must be _____.
- K. He can never get enough of anything. He is so _____.