

## 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 or the end of the year.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ be playing country music.
9. It \_\_\_\_\_ be dawn 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 \_\_\_\_\_.