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Speculating

1. Complete the sentences with the words in the list. Then, complete the rule.

Must have – bound to – certain to – very likely – might be – can't be – may have already

1. They _____ visited us.
2. Aliens _____ built things like the pyramids.
3. He believes that aliens are _____ to exist.
4. Earth _____ the only planet with life on it.
5. Other forms of life are almost _____ be "out there."
6. Contact with them _____ the end for us.
7. They are _____ have the technology to build better weapons than us.

Rule

To speculate we often use the modal verbs *might*, *may*, *could*, *must* and *can't*.

- Might, may, and (1) _____ refer to possibility.
- (2) _____ refers to a perceived impossibility.
- (3) _____ refers to a perceived certainty.


Word bank (4-6)

_____ -the base form - certain -have

When we refer to past events, the modals are followed by (4) _____ + past participle.

When we refer to present or future events, the modals are followed by (5) _____.

We can also use *be + bound to* / (6) _____ *to* / *likely to* to speculate about past, present and future events.

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2. Match the sentence pairs.

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|---|---|
| 1. They must have gotten lost. | A. He eats out all the time. |
| 2. They can't have gotten lost. | B. He always is. |
| 3. Jim's certain to know a good restaurant. | C. So take an umbrella. |
| 4. Jim's bound to be late. | D. You haven't eaten all they. |
| 5. The forecast says it's likely to rain. | E. They're more than 2 hours late. |
| 6. You must be hungry. | F. We just had lunch. |
| 7. You can't be hungry. | G. They've made this trip hundreds of times |

3. Put the conversation in order.

- ☐ **AMY:** I wasn't. I didn't even have a book with me.
- ☐ **AMY:** You won't believe what happened to me on my way home.
- ☐ **AMY:** I didn't get home until midnight. My mom was waiting for me.
- ☐ **AMY:** It was. And to make things worse, my phone was dead.
- ☐ **AMY:** She was. And of course. I couldn't call to let her know what was happening.
- ☐ **AMY:** I missed my train and had to wait three hours for the next one.
- ☐ **TOM:** *Oh no*. You had to wait for three hours? How awful. That **must have** been boring.
- ☐ **TOM:** What? You poor thing. You **can't have** been happy about that.
- ☐ **TOM:** Oh dear. She **must have** been worried.
- ☐ **TOM:** What happened?
- ☐ **TOM:** So you **must have** gotten home really late.

4. Work in pairs. Tell each other stories and sympathize. Use the expressions.