

Logical Assumptions

Complete the sentences using **MUST** or **CAN'T**:

I'm sure she has gone to Italy on holidays.

She to Italy on holidays.

I'm certain he didn't know the truth.

He the truth.

I'm certain Marcus hasn't got a new motorbike.

Marcus a new motorbike.

I'm certain he is working late at the supermarket.

He at the supermarket.

I'm sure my husband has paid the gas bill.

My husband the gas bill.

I'm sure they bought that new car on a loan.

They that new car on a loan.

I'm certain he forgot my birthday.

He my birthday.

I'm certain he didn't send you that bunch of roses.

He that bunch of roses.

I'm sure he has been lying to you.

He to you.

I'm certain she is thinking of finding a new job.

She a new job

I'm sure he didn't buy these ingredients for the cake.

He ingredients for the cake.

I'm certain he was sleeping.

He sleeping.

I'm sure she will be cooking dinner tomorrow.

She cooking dinner tomorrow.

I'm certain my best friend didn't reveal my secret.

She my secret.

I'm sure he is a criminal.

He criminal.

I'm sure they are lost in the city.

They in the city.

I'm sure my mother didn't mean to hurt you.

She hurt you.

I'm sure he understood what I was saying.

He what I was saying.

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MUST:

I'm sure/certain that something **is** true.

Must is used in affirmative sentences and expresses **positive logical assumptions**.

e.g. It is Saturday. He **MUST** be home.
(I'm sure he is at home.)

CAN'T:

I'm sure that something **isn't** true or real.

CAN'T is used in negations and expressed **negative logical assumptions**.

e.g. It's Sunday. He **can't** be at work.

I'm sure she comes from Italy. Perhaps he will cook dinner.	present infinitive	She must come from Italy. He may cook dinner.
It's possible that she's having a party tonight. Perhaps she'll be having a party tomorrow.	present continuous infinitive	She could be having a party tonight. She might be having a party tomorrow.
I'm sure he didn't receive the message. Perhaps they have won first prize. It's possible that she had visited a friend.	perfect infinitive	He can't have received the message. They might have won first prize. She may have visited a friend.
I'm certain she was studying . Perhaps she has been shopping . It's likely that they had been watching TV.	perfect continuous infinitive	She must have been studying . She may have been shopping . They could have been watching TV.