

Remedial worksheet

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Skill	Grammar (Grammar ( Using must-Modals for Speculations and Suppositions)

Brief Explanation

We use must, might/may/could or can't + infinitive to speculate about situations in the present.

- He **must** be alive. (= I am sure he is alive.)
- He **might/may/could** be alive. (= I think it is possible he is alive.)
- He **can't** be alive. (= I am sure he isn't alive.)

Use must, might/may/could or can't + have + past participle to speculate about the past.

- She **must have been** very unhappy. (= I am sure that she was unhappy.)
- She **might/may/could have arrived** late. (= It's possible that she arrived late.)
- He **can't have heard** the phone. (= I am sure that he didn't hear the phone.)

Evaluation

Choose the correct answer.

1. Perhaps, he will be home soon. He \_\_\_\_\_ home soon.
  - must be
  - can't be
  - could be
2. I'm certain he didn't call me. He \_\_\_\_\_ me.
  - must call
  - can't have called
  - could have
3. I'm certain that Ali sent you an invitation card. Ali \_\_\_\_\_ you a birthday card.
  - can't send
  - must not send
  - must have sent
4. I don't know. I \_\_\_\_\_ chess tomorrow afternoon
  - may play
  - may have played
  - might have played
5. My purse isn't in my pocket
  - It must be in my bag.
  - It must in my bag.
  - It mustn't be in my bag