

Read the theory and solve the activities.

Can, Could, Be able to.

1 Complete the following sentences by using **can('t)**, **could(n't)** or the correct form of **be able to**. Some sentences can be completed in more than one way.

- 1 Fortunately, we *were able to* reach the airport in time for our flight.
- 2 They find a solution to the problem yet.
- 3 I have some more chocolate, please?
- 4 Although I tried hard, I beat the club champion.
- 5 She type as well as anyone I know.
- 6 I'd like choose my own working hours.
- 7 you hear the teacher clearly from the back of the room?
- 8 Both his sisters play a reasonably good game of chess at the age of five.
- 9 We see most of the city from the top of the hill.
- 10 Yes, you borrow my dress at the weekend.
- 11 He persuade his parents to let him go on holiday with his friends.
- 12 Sally come to lunch tomorrow; she's working.

Can't & Must

5 Study the examples and then rewrite the sentences.

I am sure he isn't at home now.

He can't be at home now

I am sure he isn't working now.

He can't be working now

- 1 I am sure Susan isn't at work now. She left the office an hour ago.
Susan
- 3 I am sure my mother isn't cooking again. I saw her cooking at noon.
My mother
- 4 I am sure Mary doesn't study for three hours a day. She isn't a good student.
Mary
- 5 I am sure that your son isn't doing his homework in his room. I saw him in the garden.
Your son
- 6 I am sure she doesn't spend much money. She is poor.
She

6 Study the examples and rewrite the sentences.

I am sure she is at home now.

She must be at home now

I am sure she works very hard.

She must work very hard

I think she is doing her homework now.

She must be doing her homework now

- 1 I am sure she is at the office now. I just spoke to her on the phone.
She
- 2 I think my mother is on her way home. She isn't answering the phone at work.
My mother

3 I am sure Wendy is in Rome now. She got on the plane hours ago.

Wendy

4 I think my teacher exercises everyday. He's very fit.

My teacher

5 I am sure my sister is talking on the phone now. The line is busy.

My sister

7 Complete the sentences with **must** or **can't**.

1 The line is busy. That *must* be Jane. She's always talking on the phone.

2 That be Mary over there. She went to Paris on Monday.

3 She looks very young. She be over thirty.

4 He has three expensive cars. He be a rich man.

5 That be Sue; if it is, she has changed a lot.

8 Rewrite the sentences using **can't have**.

1 I am sure she didn't know the answer.

She *can't have known the answer.*

2 I am sure we didn't leave the car keys at home.

We

3 I am sure she didn't come home early last night.

She

4 I am sure this man didn't steal my wallet.

This man

5 I am sure he wasn't lying to you about last night.

He

6 I am sure they weren't happy in that house.

They

7 I am sure she hasn't been sleeping well lately.

She

8 I am sure you didn't see Helen at the cinema yesterday.

You

9 Rewrite the sentences using **must have**.

1 I am sure she arrived late for the interview.

She *must have arrived late for the interview.*

2 I am sure she has told him everything.

She

3 I am sure she was eating when I called.

She

4 I am sure she had invited him before I told her to.

She

5 I am sure she got up late this morning.

She

6 I am certain my sister was talking on the phone all morning.

My sister

7 I am sure she was feeling tired; that's why she went home.

She

8 I am sure James forgot to invite Alice to the party.

James

9 I am sure he had studied a lot before the exam.

He

10 I am sure they were on holiday because the house looked empty.

They

11 I am sure our neighbour called the police.

Our neighbour

12 I am sure you left your bag on the bus.

You

Use **must have** or **can't have** with the past participle of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences.

- 1 'Did they go to the cinema yesterday?'
'They *must have gone* (go) because there was no one at home when I called.'
- 2 Kate is exhausted. She (work) hard in the garden today.
- 3 Susan's telephone was out of order yesterday. She (phone) you.
- 4 She hadn't seen him before, so she (recognise) him.
- 5 I called her twice but she didn't answer the phone. She (sleep).
- 6 'John translated the letter for me.'
'He doesn't speak French, so he (translate) it.'
- 7 Emma has been at home all day. You (see) her at the restaurant.
- 8 She asked me for money again. She (spend) all the money I gave her.
- 9 He (work) for more than ten hours yesterday. That's why he is so tired today.
- 10 It only takes two hours to fly from London to Rome. She (fly) for four hours.

May / Might, May have / Might have

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Study the examples and rewrite the sentences.

Perhaps she is at home now.

She *may/might be at home now*

Perhaps she works a lot.

She *may/might work a lot*

It is possible that she is working now.

She *may/might be working now*

- 1 It is possible that she is coming home, but I am not sure.
She
- 2 Perhaps she is much older than she says.
She
- 3 Perhaps he is studying in his room.
He
- 4 It is possible that he will pass his exams.
He
- 5 It is possible that the Browns are moving house, but I am not sure.
The Browns

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Rewrite the sentences using **may/might have** or **may/might not have**.

- 1 Perhaps she hasn't arrived yet.
She *may/might not have arrived yet*
- 2 Perhaps my sister took my pen without asking.
My sister
- 3 Perhaps my parents have gone out.
My parents
- 4 I think they were sleeping when I came in, but I am not sure.
They
- 5 Perhaps John was listening to music.
John
- 6 Perhaps there were a lot of people at the theatre.
There
- 7 Perhaps the robbers left fingerprints all over the house.
The robbers
- 8 Perhaps she wasn't listening and that's why she didn't answer.
She
- 9 Perhaps our son didn't know anything about it.
Our son
- 10 Perhaps you haven't heard about the bank robbery.
You

