

Study these examples:

I'm sure she knows him well. Perhaps he will be late.	present inf.	She must know him well. He may be late.
It's possible that he's working late tonight. I'm sure she'll be working tomorrow.	present cont. inf.	He could be working late tonight. She must be working tomorrow.
I'm sure he didn't know the truth. Perhaps they have missed the bus. It's possible he had got lost.	perfect inf.	He can't have known the truth. They might have missed the bus. He may have got lost.
I'm certain he was sleeping . Perhaps she has been lying . It's likely they had been hiding .	perfect cont. inf.	He must have been sleeping . She may have been lying . They could have been hiding .

Rewrite the given sentences using must, can't so that their meaning remains the same

- 1 I'm sure she has gone on holiday.
She ...**must have gone on holiday**...
- 2 I'm certain he doesn't know the secret.
He ...
- 3 I'm certain Mike hasn't got a new car.
Mike ...
- 4 I'm sure Susan has paid the phone bill.
Susan ...
- 5 I'm sure they don't live here.
They ...
- 6 I'm sure they left the party early.
They ...
- 7 I'm certain he didn't call me.
He ...
- 8 I'm certain Marie sent you a birthday card.
Marie ...
- 9 I'm sure she has been keeping secrets from me.
She ...
- 10 I'm certain she is looking for a new job.
She ...
- 11 I'm sure David didn't go to the supermarket.
David ...
- 12 I'm certain he is working at the library.
He ...

Read the situations and use the words in brackets to write sentences with must have and can't have.

- 1 The phone rang, but I didn't hear it. (I / asleep)
I must have been asleep.
- 2 Sue hasn't contacted me. (she / get / my message)
She can't have got my message.
- 3 The jacket you bought is very good quality. (it / very expensive)
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- 4 I haven't seen the people next door for ages. (they / go away)
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- 5 I can't find my umbrella. (I / leave / it in the restaurant last night)
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- 6 Dave, who is usually very friendly, walked past me without speaking. (he / see / me)
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- 7 There was a man standing outside the café. (he / wait / for somebody)
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- 8 Liz did the opposite of what I asked her to do. (she / understand / what I said)
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- 9 When I got back to my car, the door was unlocked. (I / forget / to lock it)
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- 10 I was woken up in the night by the noise next door. (the neighbours / have / a party)
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- 11 The light was red, but the car didn't stop. (the driver / see / the red light)
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