

(17) THE 2000's

ACTIVITY 1: Choose **three** images and write a sentence illustrating an event of the decade.



Modals of deduction (present)

We can use **MUST**, **MAY**, **MIGHT**, **COULD** and **CAN'T** to express how sure we are about something happening in the present or the future.

MUST

We use **must** when we feel sure about something because there is some kind of evidence.

She must study **very hard** because she gets really good marks.

You have been working all day. You must be very tired.

CAN'T

We use **can't** when we feel sure something is not true.

She **can't study very hard** because she gets really bad marks.

You have been sleeping all day. You **can't be tired**.

MAY, MIGHT, COULD

We use **may, might** and **could** when we are not sure about something, but we think it is possible.

She **might go to the party tomorrow** if you ask her.

ACTIVITY 2: Complete the sentences with a modal verb (must, might/could/may, can't), expressing deduction in the present.

1. The baby is crying, but he _____ be hungry because he has just eaten.
2. He _____ be cold, although it's warm in the bedroom.
3. He _____ feel sick, but it's unlikely. He is a very healthy baby.
4. He _____ be thirsty because he has just drunk some water.
5. He _____ have wet his nappies. we should check.

Modals of deduction (past)

When we use a modal verb to talk about a situation where we are not expressing a fact but we are using deduction the form is

MODAL + have + past participle

He **must have been** very happy when he was told about his promotion. (we are quite sure about it)

He was supposed to be here an hour ago but he **could have been stuck** in a traffic jam. (we are not sure about something but we think it was possible)

You **can't have seen** him this morning. He was with me all the time. (we are sure this did not happen in the past)

ACTIVITY 3: Rewrite the following sentences keeping the same meaning:

1. It's possible that the teacher saw me.

The teacher _____

2. It's possible that I left my English book at home because it is not here.

I _____

3. Maybe she didn't mean what she said about you.

She _____

4. I'm almost sure that your classmate took your jacket by mistake.

He _____

ACTIVITY 4: Look at the photos. Write **two** sentences for each one, making one deduction in the present and one in the past.

	
	
	
	
	