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Diagnostic test

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.

- Perhaps, he will be home soon. He _____ home soon.
 - must be
 - can't be
 - could be
- I'm certain he didn't call me. He _____ me.
 - must call
 - can't have called
 - could have
- I'm certain that Ali sent you an invitation card. Ali _____ you a birthday card.
 - can't send
 - must not send
 - must have sent
- don't know. I _____ chess tomorrow afternoon
 - may play
 - may have played
 - might have played
- 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

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