

# MUST / MIGHT / COULD / MAY / CAN'T + INFINITIVE

I am waiting for Julie with another friend, David.

I ask: 'Where is Julie?'

David guesses:

- She **must** be on the bus. (I'm fairly sure this is a good guess)
- She **might** come soon. (maybe)
- She **could** be lost. (maybe)
- She **may** be in the wrong room. (maybe)
- She **can't** be at home. (I'm fairly sure this isn't true)

Notice that the opposite of '**must**' is '**can't**' in this case.

**Complete the sentences with the appropriate modal verb of deduction.**

1. That woman drives a very expensive car. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of money.
2. There are flowers on the table. Your husband \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) them.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cold outside. That man in the street is wearing a coat.
4. Anna has a huge library in her house. She \_\_\_\_\_ (love) books.
5. Oh, no! I don't have my keys! I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) them in the taxi.
6. That woman \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a doctor! She looks far too young.
7. John always fails the test. He \_\_\_\_\_ (study) enough.
8. Who's at the door? It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Susie. She is still at work.
9. This \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Jamie's coat. He is tall and this is tiny.
10. My book isn't in my bag. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at home.
11. Daren is not here. He \_\_\_\_\_ (know) about it.
12. I can't find my phone. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in my pocket.
13. She doesn't answer her phone. She \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) soon.
14. I don't know where your socks are. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the drawer.
15. You \_\_\_\_\_ (be) right. But I am going to check to make sure.
16. Don't eat that mushroom! It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) poisonous.
17. Today the weather forecast says it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) tomorrow.