

MODAL VERBS OF DEDUCTION

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MUST

90-100% (sure it's TRUE)

- ➔ She **must be** in the garden. (=I'm sure she is in the garden)
- ➔ They **must know** each other.

CAN'T

90-100% (sure NOT true)

- ➔ She **can't be** his mother. She's too young. (=I'm sure she is NOT his mother)
- ➔ He's just left. He **can't be** too far.

MAY/MIGHT (NOT)

30-50% (maybe it's TRUE)

- ➔ He **may/might be** dead.

30-50% (maybe NOT true)

- ➔ He **may/might not remember** who you are. (=Maybe he does NOT remember)



Use **can't** (NOT **mustn't**)

- ✗ He's just left. He **mustn't be** too far.
- ✓ He's just left. He **can't be** too far.

Use **may/might** (NOT **can**)

- ✗ He isn't here. He **can be** at home.
- ✓ He isn't here. He **might be** at home



+ be + -ing verb

to speculate about actions in progress

- ➔ They are in Iniza. They **must be having** a great time.
- ➔ You're always hungry. I think that you **might not be eating** enough protein.
- ➔ New study suggests that air pollution **may be making** people unhappy.

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Choose the correct option.

1. The patient's elevated bilirubin levels **definitely** must/might indicate a bile duct obstruction.
2. The normal liver enzymes **certainly** might/cannot mean the problem is not related to liver damage.
3. If the patient's ALT and AST are elevated, it **possibly** might/must suggest liver inflammation.
4. The presence of unconjugated bilirubin in the blood almost **certainly** must/could be due to increased red blood cell breakdown.
5. Elevated alkaline phosphatase levels **probably** must/could indicate bone disease rather than liver issues.
6. The patient's low albumin levels **possibly** might/cannot suggest either malnutrition or chronic liver disease.
7. Normal bilirubin levels **definitely** cannot/might rule out a serious liver condition.
8. The increase in GGT levels **possibly** must/might be associated with liver damage caused by alcohol.
9. The presence of conjugated bilirubin in the urine **certainly** must/could mean there is a bile duct problem.
10. If the liver enzymes and bilirubin levels are both elevated, the condition **possibly** could/must indicate severe liver dysfunction.