# MODAL VERBS OF SPECULATION:

Argentina often experiences strong cold snaps during winter, especially in the south. The coldest temperature recorded was -32.8°C in Sarmiento, Chubut. Even cities like Buenos Aires can feel the chill. During these times, people wear layers and shelters open to help those in need. Cold snaps can cause transport delays and affect daily life.




**Look at the picture of the news and use must, might, could, or can't to speculate about the place.**

**Example:**

*You see people wearing jackets and scarves.*

➤ **IT MUST BE COLD.**

➤ **IT CAN'T BE SUMMER.**

**Complete the sentences based on the evidence provided:**

*All the buildings have central heating.*

➤

*A lot of poor people.*

➤

*You can hear music in all shops.*

➤

*Local people are friendly.*

➤

*There are no people with cameras in the streets.*

➤

*Air pollution is high.*

➤

*Many people beg in the streets.*

➤

*Some people are wearing masks.*

➤

*Everybody is smiling.*

➤

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# READING:
## "IF I LIVED IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF ARGENTINA"

**Read the texts and answer the questions.**



### LUCÍA, 16

If I lived in the south of Argentina during a cold snap, I might wear three coats at the same time! Temperatures must drop way below zero. Schools could be closed because of snow, and buses might stop working. I'd stay home, drink hot chocolate, and use a lot of blankets. My dog must feel cold, too!

### TOMÁS, 32

During a strong cold snap, everything must freeze — pipes, roads, even car engines. People might use wood stoves or gas heaters all day. If I lived there, I would prepare emergency kits and extra food in case stores close. Some towns might be isolated, and farmers must worry about their animals.

### INÉS, 25

Cold snaps in Patagonia can't be easy. It must snow for days, and the wind must be terrible. If I lived there, I would help elderly neighbors stay warm. I imagine small children might not go to school, and families must stay inside most of the day.

**What do the different people say about living in the south during a cold snap? Fill in the table:**

| PERSON | WHAT THEY SPECULATE OR IMAGINE |
|---|---|
| Lucía | e.g. Schools **could be closed**; her dog **must feel cold.** |
| Tomás | |
| Inés | |

**What do you think it's like to live in Southern Argentina during a cold snap? Use at least three modals of speculation in your answer (must / might / could / can't).**

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