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Modal verbs 2 – Probability
Continuous infinitive • Word formation
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Relationships

Modal verbs of probability in the present

1 Matching

Match a line in A with a line in B.



A

- 1 She can't enjoy skydiving. e
- 2 You can't be hungry ____
- 3 She must be out. ____
- 4 He can't be English ____
- 5 You must be very pleased ____
- 6 They must be tired. ____
- 7 They must know each other well. ____
- 8 He can't be coming tonight. ____
- 9 You must be joking! ____
- 10 They can't be getting married! ____

B

- a She can't stand him.
- b It's already after midnight.
- c She gave him a huge hug when he walked in.
- d She isn't answering the phone.
- e It's so dangerous!
- f I'm not going to jump out of a plane!
- g with your excellent exam results.
- h after such a huge meal.
- i They've been travelling all night.
- j with a name like Heinrich.

2 Why is he late?

- 1 Enrique is always on time for class but today he is late. Suggest reasons using *must*, *might*, *could*, or *may*.



- 1 Is he still asleep? (might)

He might still be asleep.

- 2 Is he ill? (must)

- 3 Is he in the coffee bar? (might)

- 4 Does he have a doctor's appointment? (could)

- 5 Is he stuck in a traffic jam? (may)

- 6 Is his bus late? (might)

- 7 Does he want to miss the test? (must)

- 2 Rewrite the sentences in exercise 1 with *can't*. Then give a reason.

- 1 **He can't still be asleep because he always gets up very early.**

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

3 The continuous infinitive



1 The continuous infinitive is used after a modal verb of probability to express a possible activity in progress at the moment.

His office light's on. He **must be working** late.
It's only 9.10. They **can't be having** a break yet.

T 91 Complete the conversations with suitable verbs in the continuous infinitive.

- 1 A Do you know where Ben is?
B I'm not sure. He may **be playing** games on the computer.
- 2 A Where's Birgit?
B She's upstairs. She must _____ to music in her room.
A She's not in her room.
B Try the bathroom. She might _____ a shower.
- 3 A I can't find the thing that changes the TV channel.
B The remote control? Stand up. You could _____ on it.
- 4 A Have you seen the newspaper?
B I think James picked it up. He may _____ it.
- 5 A What's that noise?
B It sounds like an ambulance. They must _____ someone to hospital.
- 6 A Look over there! It's Kate and Alex.
B She can't _____ his hand. She doesn't like him.
A They must _____ out together. I don't believe it!
- 7 A What's happening outside?
B It sounds like workmen. They must _____ up the road outside.
A What for?
B I don't know. They could _____ a broken water pipe.

Modal verbs of probability in the past

4 *must have, might have, may have*

Look at the pictures. What must have happened? What might have happened? Write sentences.



1 He must have locked himself out.
He might have lost his key.



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

5 Changing sentences

Rewrite these sentences using the modal verb in brackets.

1 I'm sure she's had a holiday. (must)

She must have had a holiday.

2 I'm sure you didn't work hard for your exams. (can't)

3 I think they've gone to the station. (could)

4 Perhaps I left my mobile in the Internet café. (might)

5 I'm sure he hasn't bought another new car. (can't)

6 He has probably been on a diet. (must)

7 It's possible that they got married in secret. (could)

8 Perhaps he called while we were out. (may)

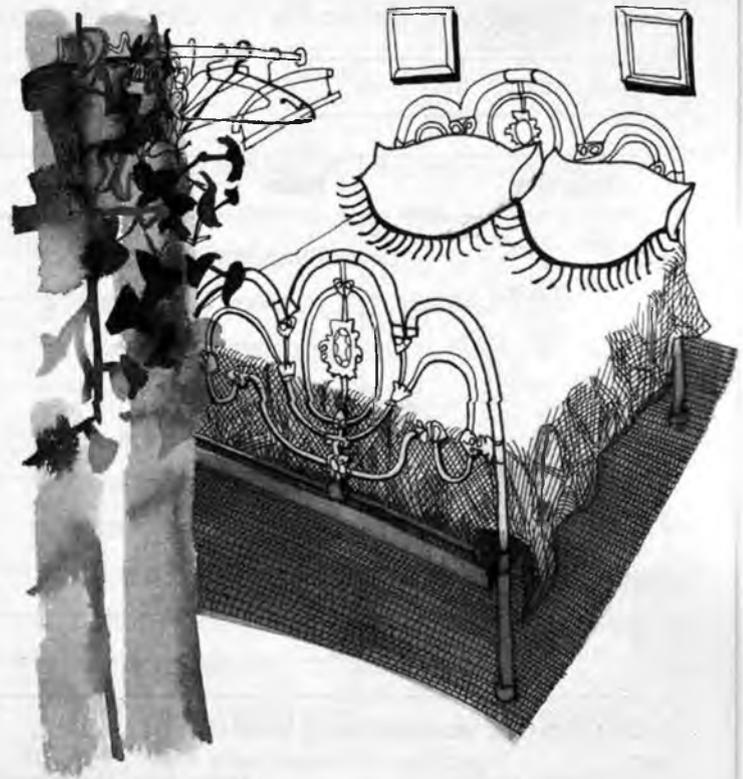
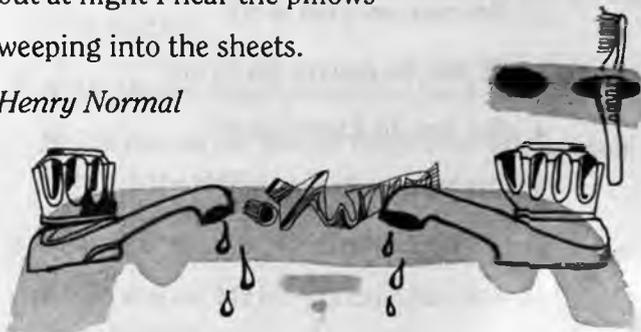
6 A poem

1 **T 9.2** Read the poem.

The house is not the same since you left

THE HOUSE IS NOT THE SAME since you left
the cooker is angry – it blames me
The TV tries desperately to stay busy
but occasionally I catch it staring out of the window
The washing-up's feeling sorry for itself again
it just sits there saying
'What's the point, what's the point?'
The curtains count the days
Nothing in the house will talk to me
I think your armchair's dead
The kettle tried to comfort me at first
but you know what its attention span is like
I've not told the plants yet
they think you're still on holiday
The bathroom misses you
I hardly see it these days
It still can't believe you didn't take it with you
The bedroom won't even look at me
since you left it keeps its eyes closed
all it wants to do is sleep, remembering better times
trying to lose itself in dreams
it seems like it's taken the easy way out
but at night I hear the pillows
weeping into the sheets.

Henry Normal



2 Are the statements possible (✓) or impossible (X)?
Write (?) if you are not sure.

- 1 He must have left her.
 She must have left him.
- 2 They can't have been husband and wife.
 They definitely lived together.
- 3 They must have been together for a long time.
 They can't have been together for a long time.
- 4 He might be glad she's gone.
 He must be missing her very much.
- 5 The house must seem very quiet.
 He might have pets to keep him company.
- 6 He must have done something to upset her.
 She has definitely done something to upset him.
- 7 He can't be using the bathroom much.
 He might be trying to avoid using the bathroom.
- 8 She must have spent a lot of time in the bathroom.
 The bathroom might have been her favourite room.
- 9 He might be sleeping downstairs.
 He can't be sleeping in their old bedroom.

Vocabulary

7 Word formation

1 Complete the chart. Make nouns from the character adjectives using the suffixes in the box. Use your dictionary if necessary.

-n -ism -ness -ity

Adjective	Noun
shy	_____
optimistic	_____
reliable	_____
ambitious	_____
lazy	_____
pessimistic	_____
generous	_____
tidy	_____
moody	_____
sensitive	_____

2 Complete the sentences using words from exercise 1.

- Karen's really _____ these days. You never know if she's going to be cheerful or bad-tempered.
- My best friend suffered from terrible _____ at school. She went red every time somebody spoke to her.
- I'm surprised she was late for the meeting. She's normally so _____.
- He doesn't show much _____. I think he's more interested in having a good time than getting a better job.
- I tried to apologize to Anna after the argument, but I'm not _____ that we'll ever be best friends again.
- Look at the fabulous present Hiro gave me. I can't believe his _____!
- Are you sure you want to share a flat with Nicole? You're so messy, but she's famous for her _____.
- Get up off that sofa and help me with the preparations for your party! Your _____ is really beginning to annoy me.

Pronunciation

8 Connected speech

T 9.3 Notice how the consonant sounds are linked to the vowel sounds that follow:
 He must have eaten all of Ann's oranges.
 She can't have asked Al's aunt.

1 **T 9.4** Mark the linked words in these sentences.

- She must have eaten the cheese.
- You can't have seen him.
- He can't have arrived early.
- He might have gone out for a cup of coffee.
- She might have been angry.
- They can't have been in love.
- They might have written it down.
- He must have been to Africa.



2 **T 9.5** Say these sentences in phonetic script aloud. Notice the linked words.

- /hi: kʊd əv ɡɒn əbrɔ:d/
- /ðeɪ maɪt əv ɪ:tən ɪt ɔ:l/
- /ʃi: meɪ bi əraɪvɪŋ ðɪs ɪ:vniŋ/
- /ðeɪ məs bi kʌmɪŋ su:n/
- /ðeɪ kɑ:nt nəʊ hɪm ət ɔ:l/

9 Shifting stress

1.9.6 Read the conversations. **Circle** the words that B stressed.



- 1 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mr Harper must have left the **blue** bag in the taxi?
- 2 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mr Harper must have left the black **suitcase** in the taxi?
- 3 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mrs Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi?
- 4 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mr Harper must have put the black bag in the taxi?
- 5 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the train?
- 6 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mr Harper must have left a black bag in the taxi?
- 7 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mr Harper might have left the black bag in the taxi?
- 8 A Mr Harper must have left the black bag in the taxi.
B Did you say Mr Harper can't have left the black bag in the taxi?

Prepositions

10 Adjective + preposition

Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

for	at	about	with
to	in	of	from

- 1 Thailand is famous **for** its temples and beaches.
- 2 A I'm very angry _____ you.
B Why? What have I done?
- 3 Are you any good _____ maths? I'm hopeless.
- 4 Jenny's getting married _____ Matt. Did you know?
- 5 My sister's very different _____ me. I'm blonde but she's brunette.
- 6 I haven't heard from my brother for ages. I'm a bit worried _____ him.
- 7 I'm tired _____ painting this wall. I need a break.
- 8 I feel very sorry _____ Jenny. She's had a lot of bad luck recently.
- 9 Teenagers are often rude _____ their parents.
- 10 You passed your exams! I'm so proud _____ you.
- 11 Some children like to keep a light on at night because they're afraid _____ the dark.
- 12 Many dentists say that chewing sugar-free gum is good _____ your teeth.
- 13 Bill is good-looking, witty and charming. I'm very jealous _____ him!
- 14 A I told her I thought she was stupid.
B That wasn't very kind _____ you.
- 15 Are you interested _____ going to the cinema tonight? There's a good film on.
- 16 His email was full _____ spelling mistakes. He should be more careful when he types.
- 17 A What are you so excited _____ ?
B We're going on holiday tomorrow!
- 18 A The train leaves at eight o'clock.
B Are you sure _____ that?
- 19 When you leave home, you're responsible _____ everything!
- 20 I'm fed up _____ this weather! Where's the sunshine gone?