

MODALS FOR EXPLAINING POSSIBILITIES

We use the following modal verbs to speculate about the present and the past.

نستخدم الأفعال الشكلية المساعدة التالية لعمل استنتاجات حول الماضي والحاضر

1-Must : To express a strong conviction that something is / was true.

نستخدم هذا الفعل للتعبير عن استنتاج مؤكد بان شيء ما صحيح

e.g. I am sure she is sleeping. She **must** be sleeping.

e.g. He bought a very expensive car. He **must** be rich.

2- Might: To express a possibility that something is / was true.

نستخدم هذه الافعال للتعبير عن امكانية / احتمالية بان شيء ما صحيح

e.g. They **might** still be at school. (50% certain, it is possible that they are still at school)

e.g. I am **not** sure that she is from Jordan. She **might** be from Jordan.

3- Can't : To express a strong conviction that something is / was not true.

نستخدم هذا الفعل للتعبير عن استنتاج مؤكد بان شيء ما غير صحيح

e.g. I am sure she isn't over forty She **can't** be over forty.

e.g. I'm sure Ali is **not** forty-five yet. Ali **can't** be forty-five.

*****WE USE:**

1-Modal + infinitive without to → to speculate about unlimited present time.

نستخدم هذا التركيب للتعبير عن استنتاج لوقت غير محدد من الحاضر (بشكل عام)

e.g. He **must** work very hard. → (I am sure he generally works very hard)

e.g. They **can't** have a lot of money. → (I don't think they generally have a lot of money)

مهم جدا: نستخدم هذا التركيب للتعبير عن استنتاج حول الماضي

2-Modal + have + p.p → to speculate about the past.

e.g. I am sure Sami **cleaned** his room.

Sami **must have cleaned** his room.

e.g. I'm **not** sure that they **forgot** about our party.

They **might have forgotten** about our party.

e.g. I am sure Salma **was not** upset.

Salma **can't have been** very upset.

Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets.

1-Perhaps Amal's phone is broken. (might)

Amal's phone.....

2- I am sure that bats aren't birds- they **don't** have feathers. (can't)

Bats.....

3-I am sure that Rawan is **very** clever. (must)

Rawan

4- I'm sure that they **were** very ill. (must have)

They

Answers: 1-might be broken. 2-can't be birds. 3-must be very clever. 4-must have been very ill.

يمكن أن يأتي السؤال على هذا الموضوع على شكل اختيار من متعدد

1-I am sure that they are watching TV. Theybe watching TV. {can't , might , must }

2-Perhaps Ahmad's phone is stolen. Ahmad's phone.....be stolen. {might , must , can't }

3- I am sure she isn't over forty She be over forty. {might , must , can't }

4- I am sure Salma was not upshot. Salmahave been very upset. {can't , might , must }