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MODAL VERBS. DEDUCTION ABOUT THE PRESENT

Example:

Someone is knocking on the door. I'm sure it's my brother – he promised to come today.

Someone is knocking on the door. It **MUST** be my brother – he promised to come today.

1. I'm sure he is here - I can see his car in front of the building.
He **MUST** be here. I can see his car in front of the building.
2. They're coming this week but I don't know which day.
They **MAY / COULD / MIGHT** be coming tomorrow.
3. I'm not sure I'm going to pass the exam. I don't feel very confident.
I **MAY NOT / MIGHT NOT** pass the exam. I don't feel very confident.
4. I've bought a lottery ticket. There's a chance I'll become a millionaire!
I **MAY / COULD / MIGHT** become a millionaire!
5. I'm sure she doesn't speak French very well - she's only lived in Paris for a few weeks.
She **CAN'T** speak French very well. She's only lived in Paris for a few weeks.
6. My key's not in my pocket or on my desk so I'm sure it's in the drawer.
My key's not in my pocket or on my desk so it **MUST** be in the drawer.
7. Someone told me that Mark was in Mexico but I saw him yesterday so I'm sure he's not abroad.
Mark **CAN'T** be abroad.
8. You got the job? That's great. I'm sure you're delighted.
You got the job? That's great. You **MUST** be delighted.
9. They told me to prepare the project by tomorrow but it's almost impossible to have it done so fast.
I **MAY / MIGHT / COULD** finish it by tomorrow if I stay at work all night, but I'm not sure.
10. I asked them to send the goods as soon as possible; we **MAY / MIGHT / COULD** receive them by the end of the week if the post is fast.