

EXPRESSING POSSIBILITY AND CERTAINTY

Possibility:

Subject + $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{may} \\ \text{could} + \text{infinitive} \\ \text{might} \end{array} \right.$

She **may** come, but I don't really know.

It **could** rain tomorrow.

They **might** win the match, but they are bad players.

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Negative possibility:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{may} \\ \text{could} \\ \text{might} \end{array} \right\} + \text{not} + \text{infinitive}$

He **may not** come to the party.

It **might not** (**mightn't**) be windy.

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Certainty:

must (affirmative sentence)

can't (negative sentence)

That **must** be Fred. He always phones at this time.

He **can't** be dancing. He hates it.

USAGE OF "SHALL"

- 1) Future actions (= will, only for "I" and "we")
- 2) Suggestions or offers:

Shall I help you?

Shall we move into the living-room?

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- a) With a singular countable noun:

What + a(n) + (adjective) + noun!

What a beautiful dress!
What an expensive lamp!

- b) With an uncountable or plural countable noun:

What + (adjective) + noun!

What lovely music!
What big rooms!

to arrest	to steal / to rob
thief	to report
burglar	witness
pickpocket	crime
shoplifter	murder
robber	fingerprints
robbery	police officer, cop

Examples:

The police may arrest the thief.

The witness reported the crime.

What a terrible murder!

He is a shoplifter and may steal things
in this shop.

Completar los espacios con la opción correspondiente, para expresar posibilidad o certeza.



- 1 He speak now.
It's his turn.

- a. can't
- b. could
- c. must



- 3 He is playing basketball now.
He be sick.

- a. must
- b. may
- c. can't



- 2 They miss the bus but
they can take the following one.

- a. can't
- b. might
- c. must



- 4 It's cloudy and the temperature
is falling. It snow.

- a. may
- b. can't
- c. must





Elegir la oración correcta.

- 5 a. Shall they open the window?
b. Shall he open the window?
c. Shall I open the window?

- 6 a. What interesting novel!
b. What novel so interesting!
c. What an interesting novel!

- 7 a. What funny accent!
b. What a funny accent!
c. What accent so funny!

- 8 a. What lovely dress!
b. What lovely dresses!
c. What a lovely dresses!

9 (The doorbell is ringing)

- a. That must be Eric. He sometimes comes to see Mary.
b. That can't be Eric. He sometimes comes to see Mary.
c. That may be Eric. He sometimes comes to see Mary.

- 10 a. He can't come but I am sure.
b. He may come. I'm not sure.
c. He must come. I'm not sure.



Soluciones: 1.- c) must 2.- b) might 3.- c) can't 4.- a) may 5.- c) Shall I open the window? 6.- c) What an interesting novel! 7.- b) What a funny accent! 8.- b) What lovely dresses! 9.- c) That may be Eric. He sometimes comes to see Mary. 10.- b) He may come. I'm not sure.