

Exercise 1:**About me...**

Make true statements about yourself. (complete with modal verbs)

1. I _____ be going on holiday next month.
2. I _____ see my parents this weekend.
3. I _____ buy some clothes this weekend.
4. I _____ fail the next exam.
5. I _____ go shopping tomorrow.
6. I _____ pass the next exam.
7. I _____ be absent tomorrow.
8. I _____ be late tomorrow.
9. I _____ sleep well tonight.
10. I _____ be sick this month.

Make a few more sentences about your life next year using modals of probability.

Check with your partner to see how many things in common you have.

Exercise 2:

Choose the appropriate modal verb for each sentence.

1. They (may/must) be in love, but I'm not sure.
2. The exam (can't/may) be easy. You never know.
3. Nick (must/can't) be in Seattle now. I saw him this morning.
4. We (might/must) go to Egypt this summer, but we're not sure yet.
5. Dave (could/can't) work as a taxi driver; he can't drive.
6. That woman (may/can't) be a professor. She looks far too young.
7. What a lot of lovely flowers you have! You (could/must) really like gardening.
8. This book (can't/must) belong to the library. It's certainly not mine.
9. There (must/may) be something wrong with the fridge. It's making a very unusual noise.
10. This bill (could/can't) be right. \$50 for two cups of coffee!?

Exercise 3:

Rewrite the sentences using the modal verbs of certainty.

1. It's **possible** that Jane will visit Switzerland next year. JANE MAY BE VISITING / MIGHT VISIT SWITZERLAND NEXT YEAR.
2. I'm **thinking about** taking Spanish lessons. -
3. I'm sure they'll be home by now. -
4. James definitely isn't eighteen yet! -
5. It's possible the weather will be sunny tomorrow.
6. I'm sure that Mrs Smith didn't leave home. Mrs Smith ..
7. Perhaps she's gone to stay with her mother.
8. It's possible that Mr Smith committed a crime.
9. I'm certain that he buried something in the garden. He ...
10. Perhaps he won the lottery. He ...
11. I'm sure he bought a new car.
12. I'm sure she's at home.
13. I know that isn't Janet. She's in America.
14. I'm sure she thinks I'm stupid.
15. I bet I look silly in this coat.
16. They're always buying new cars. I'm certain they have a lot of money.
17. I'm sure he's not a teacher. He's too well dressed.
18. You're an architect? I'm sure that's an interesting job.
19. I'm sure you're not serious. I know you're joking.
20. I'm sure he's got another woman. He keeps coming home late.
21. This water is possibly dangerous.
22. Politics is sometimes really boring.

MODAL VERB + BE + NOUN/ADJECTIVE/ V-ing

He might be a doctor.

He may be tired.

He could be sleeping.