

Speculation & Deduction in the Present – Exercises

1. Speculate on the following situations using the modal verbs **might**, **could**, **may**, **should**, **shouldn't**, **must** or **can't** + *infinitive*. Write 3 sentences using different modal verbs for each situation:

🔊 You can't find your car keys
e.g. *They might be in my coat pocket*

🔊 Your boss is in a very bad mood

🔊 Your friend wants to meet up as he/she has something important to tell you.

🔊 Your neighbours are putting suitcases into their car

2. Choose sentences from the previous exercise and replace the modal verb with one of the following adverbs/adjectives of degree of certainty and a suitable verb:

maybe certainly possibly certain uncertain definitely sure
perhaps possible likely unlikely doubtful

e.g. *It's possible they're in my coat pocket*
