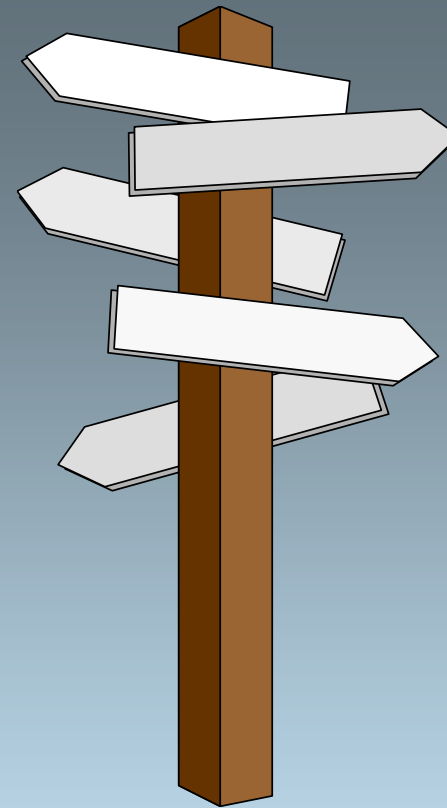


# Modal verbs of deduction

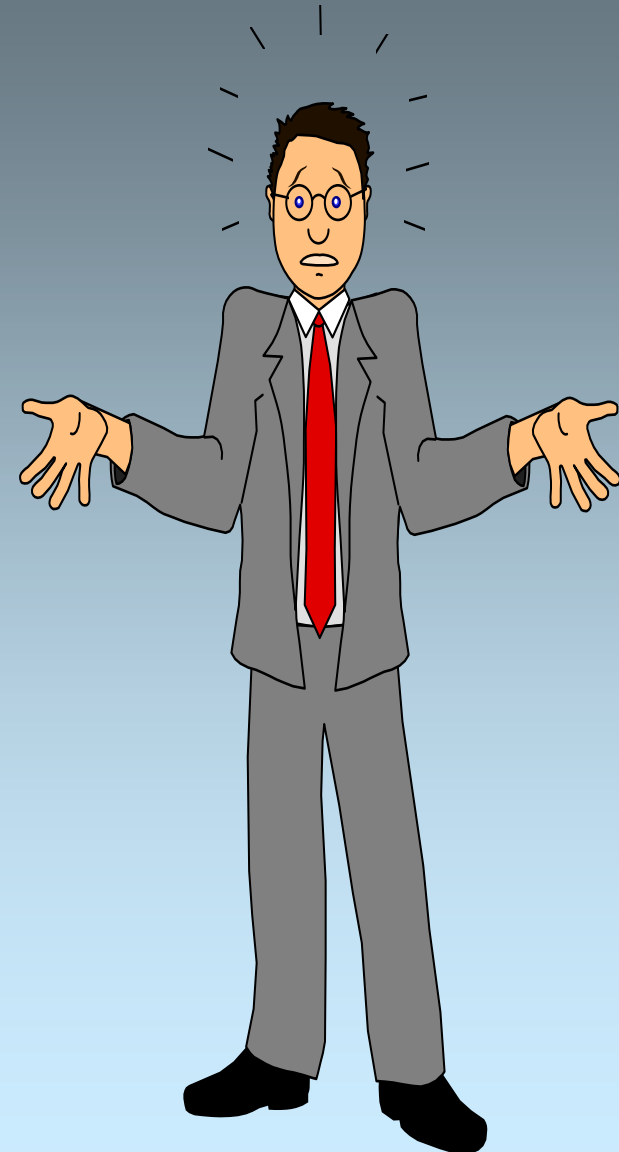
Mary's late.



She might be ill.

She may be ill.

She could be ill.

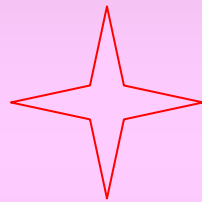


can

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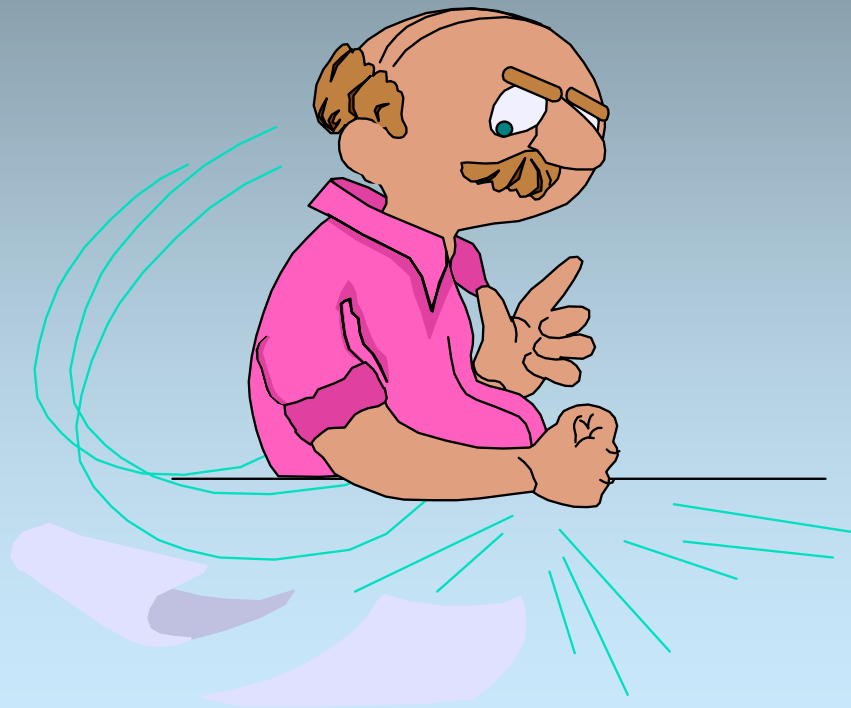
may

might



base form

She's never late.



**She must be ill.**

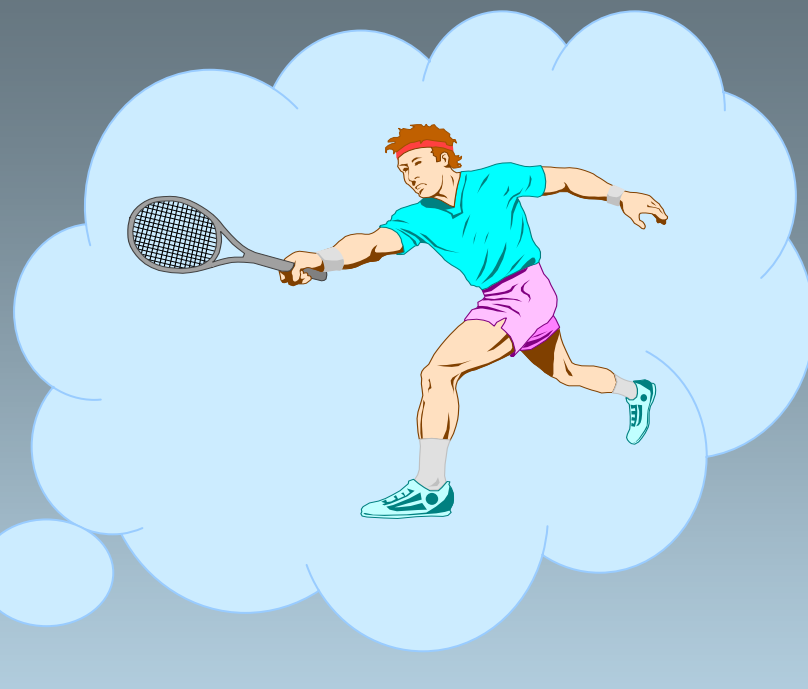
***I'm sure.***

No, I'm sure that's not true.

*She can't be ill.*

He can't be ill.

now



*He must be playing tennis.*



**Modal verb + base form**

**PRESENT**

**Modal verb + be + base form + -ing**



He must have played tennis.

yesterday

*He must have been playing tennis.*

modal verb+have+past participle

PAST

*modal verb + have+been+past participle*

base form

be + base form + -ing

## ***modal verb***

have + past participle

have + been + base form + -ing