

Modal verbs - deduction



must

100%

Jenny must be tired.



I'm sure she's tired.



might (not)

may (not)

50% could

Paul might have a new job.

Paul may have a new job.

Paul could have a new job.



It's possible that he has a new job.



can't

100%

Jane can't be at home.



I'm sure that she isn't at home.



must

100%

Jenny must be working now.



I'm sure she's working now.



might (not)

may (not)

50% could

Paul might be preparing his speech.

Paul may be preparing his speech.

Paul could be preparing his speech.



It's possible that he's preparing his speech.



can't

100%

Jane can't be doing her homework.



I'm sure that she isn't doing her homework.