

# Modals of Deduction & Opinion

## Now

maybe	<b>might</b>	it <b>might</b> be true.
maybe not	<b>might not</b>	it <b>might</b> not be a good idea.
sure it's true	<b>must</b>	You <b>must</b> be hungry.
sure it's not true	<b>can't</b>	It <b>can't</b> be right.
it's right	<b>should</b>	They <b>should</b> be here now.
it's not right	<b>shouldn't</b>	The lights <b>shouldn't</b> be on.

## Past

maybe	<b>might have</b>	He <b>might have done</b> it himself.
maybe not	<b>might not have</b>	He <b>might not have got</b> your message yet.
sure it was true	<b>must have</b>	You <b>must have been</b> really tired.
sure it wasn't true	<b>couldn't have *</b>	She <b>couldn't have been</b> here yesterday.
	<b>can't have *</b>	He <b>can't have eaten</b> anything today.
it was wrong not to	<b>should have</b>	You <b>should have said</b> something
it was wrong to	<b>shouldn't have</b>	You <b>shouldn't have told</b> her about it.

\* we use 'can't have' in the same way as **present perfect** and 'couldn't have' like **past simple**.

### 'present perfect' period

### 'past simple' period

He so really tired. He **can't have** slept well. He looked so tired. He **couldn't have** slept well.

She **can't have** finished her dinner already. He **couldn't have** finished before me.

You **can't have** been to Brazil. You don't have a passport! Lenin **couldn't have** flown in a plane. It was too dangerous.

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