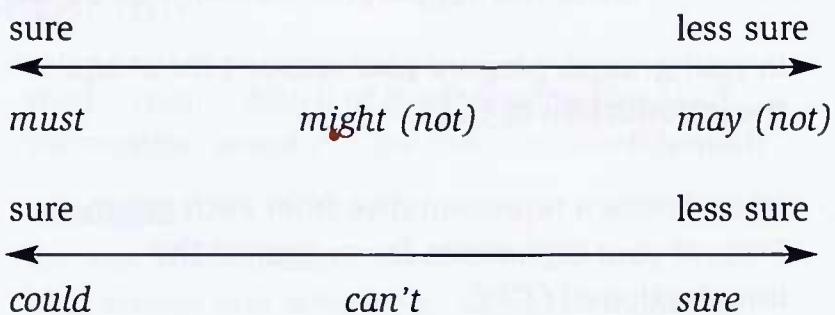## GRAMMAR

Modals of speculation (present & past time)

We can use modal verbs to make guesses about the present, the past and the future.

The choice of modal verb shows how sure we are about our guess.

sure   less sure

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must   *might (not)*   *may (not)*

sure   less sure

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could   *can't*   *sure*

We use the modal verb + infinitive to make guesses about the present or the future.

> You **must be** very tired.
> I **might need** your help later.
> He **can't be** serious.

We use the modal verb + *be* + *-ing* form to make guesses about actions in progress now.

> She **must be having** problems at work.
> I'm not sure where he is. He **could be having** a bath.
> She **might be working** for the CIA.

We use the modal verb + *have* + past participle to make guesses about the past.

> They **must have arrived** by now.
> He **might not have known** her true identity.
> It **can't have been** a surprise.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Advantages and disadvantages

The pros and cons of + noun/-*ing* form
The good/bad thing about + noun/-*ing* form *is* …

The advantage of + noun/-*ing* form
The benefit/benefits of + noun/-*ing* form
There's a lot to be gained from + -*ing* form

The disadvantage of + noun/-*ing* form
The drawback of + noun/-*ing* form
The trouble with + noun/-*ing* form
The problem with + noun/-*ing* form
There's no point in/There isn't any point in + -*ing* form
There's nothing to be gained from + -*ing* form

WORD LIST

Illusions

act *v* ***	/ækt/
audience *n C* ***	/ˈɔːdɪəns/
fake *adj/n C*	/feɪk/
magician *n C*	/məˈdʒɪʃn/
perform *v* ***	/pəˈfɔːm/
pretend *v* **	/prɪˈtend/
public *n* ***	/ˈpʌblɪk/
reveal *v* ***	/rɪˈviːl/
stage *n C* ***	/steɪdʒ/
trick *n C* **	/trɪk/
vanish *v* **	/ˈvænɪʃ/

Word families

certain *adj* ***	/ˈsɜːtn/
certainly *adv* ***	/ˈsɜːtnli/
certainty *n C* **	/ˈsɜːtnti/
definite *adj* **	/ˈdef(ə)nət/
definitely *adv* **	/ˈdef(ə)nətli/
impossibility *n C*	/ɪmˌpɒsəˈbɪləti/
impossible *adj* ***	/ɪmˈpɒsəbl/
improbability *n C*	/ɪmˌprɒbəˈbɪləti/
improbable *adj*	/ɪmˈprɒbəbl/
likelihood *n U* *	/ˈlaɪklihʊd/
likely *adj* ***	/ˈlaɪkli/
possibility *n C* ***	/ˌpɒsəˈbɪləti/
possible *adj* ***	/ˈpɒsəbl/
possibly *adv* ***	/ˈpɒsəbli/
probability *n C* **	/ˌprɒbəˈbɪləti/
probable *adj* **	/ˈprɒbəbl/
probably *adv* ***	/ˈprɒbəbli/
uncertain *adj* **	/ʌnˈsɜːtn/
uncertainty *n C* **	/ʌnˈsɜːtnti/
unlikely *adj* ***	/ʌnˈlaɪkli/

Verbs followed by infinitive

begin ***	/bɪˈgɪn/
claim ***	/kleɪm/
deserve **	/dɪˈzɜːv/
manage ***	/ˈmænɪdʒ/
pretend **	/prɪˈtend/
refuse ***	/rɪˈfjuːz/
seem ***	/siːm/
try ***	/traɪ/

Idioms

bright and early	/ˌbraɪt ən ˈɜːli/
drag your feet	/ˌdræg jə ˈfiːt/
get cracking	/ˌget ˈkrækɪŋ/
get to the point	/ˌget tə ðə ˈpɔɪnt/
high point	/ˈhaɪ ˌpɔɪnt/
play it safe	/ˌpleɪ ɪt ˈseɪf/

Other words & phrases

accuse *v* ***	/əˈkjuːz/
admit *v* ***	/ædˈmɪt/
alien *n C* **	/ˈeɪlɪən/
ape *n C*	/eɪp/
apologetic *adj*	/əˌpɒləˈdʒetɪk/
archaeological *adj*	/ˌɑːkɪəˈlɒdʒɪkl/
army *n C* ***	/ˈɑːmi/
biological *adj* **	/ˌbaɪəˈlɒdʒɪkl/
bullying *n U*	/ˈbʊliɪŋ/
bury *v* **	/ˈberi/
calm down *v*	/ˌkɑːm ˈdaʊn/
casino *n C*	/kəˈsiːnəʊ/
CCTV *n C*	/ˌsiːsiːtiːˈviː/
compartment *n C* *	/kəmˈpɑːtmənt/
confidentiality *n U*	/ˌkɒnfɪdenʃɪˈæləti/
crazy *adj* **	/ˈkreɪzi/
dating agency *n C*	/ˈdeɪtɪŋ ˌeɪdʒənsi/
deaf *adj* **	/def/
equipment *n U* ***	/ɪˈkwɪpmənt/
float *v* **	/fləʊt/
furious *adj* **	/ˈfjʊərɪəs/
grave *n C* **	/greɪv/
guardian *n C*	/ˈgɑːdɪən/
gun *n C* ***	/gʌn/
hack into *v*	/ˈhæk ˌɪntuː/
hang *v* ***	/hæŋ/
heel *n C* **	/hiːl/
hoot *v*	/huːt/
imposter *n C*	/ɪmˈpɒstə/
in the long/short term	/ɪn ðə ˈlɒŋ/ʃɔːt tɜːm/
knight *n C*	/naɪt/

minority *n C* ***	/maɪˈnɒrəti/
moral *adj* ***	/ˈmɒrəl/
motel *n C*	/məʊˈtel/
murder *n C/v* ***	/ˈmɜːdə/
murderer *n C* *	/ˈmɜːdərə/
mysterious *adj* **	/mɪˈstɪərɪəs/
obvious *adj* ***	/ˈɒbvɪəs/
pharmaceutical *adj*	/ˌfɑːməˈsjuːtɪkl/
phone-in *n C*	/ˈfəʊnɪn/
productivity *n U* **	/ˌprɒdʌkˈtɪvəti/
rabbit *n C* **	/ˈræbɪt/
ruin *v* **	/ˈruːɪn/
satellite *n C* **	/ˈsætəlaɪt/
scan *v* **	/skæn/
scandal *n C/U* **	/ˈskændl/
scare *v* *	/skeə/
secrecy *n U*	/ˈsiːkrəsi/
secret agent *n C*	/ˌsiːkrət ˈeɪdʒənt/
software *n U* ***	/ˈsɒftweə/
spoil *v* **	/spɔɪl/
spy on *v*	/ˈspaɪ ˌɒn/
suspect *v* ***	/səˈspekt/
tactic *n C* **	/ˈtæktɪk/
technology *n C/U* ***	/tekˈnɒlədʒi/
terrorist *n C* **	/ˈterərɪst/
traitor *n C* *	/ˈtreɪtə/
understandably *adv*	/ˌʌndəˈstændəbli/
upset *v* **	/ʌpˈset/
vandalism *n U*	/ˈvændəˌlɪz(ə)m/
weapon *n C* ***	/ˈwepən/
worthless *adj*	/ˈwɔːθləs/