Modals of Deduction/Possibility:



Present:

Must He must be tired. (very certain)

May He may be tired.

Might/Could He might be tired. (less certain)

Can't He can't be tired.

May not He may not be tired.

Might not He might not be tired.

Could not He couldn't be tired.

Past: Have + pp

He ate two bowls of rice. He must have been hungry.

She looked a little sad. Her bf may have broken up with her.

John didn't want to watch a movie. He might have had another plan.

Bobby lost his wallet. He **can't have been** happy.

Sammy couldn't come to class. He may not have felt well.

She didn't buy a new dress. She might not have found her size.

Future outcome/possibility:

I will (do)... I won't (do)...

I may (do)... I may not (do)...

I might (do)... I might not (do)...

I probably will (do)... I probably won't (do)...