



Headway Intermediate
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Relationships

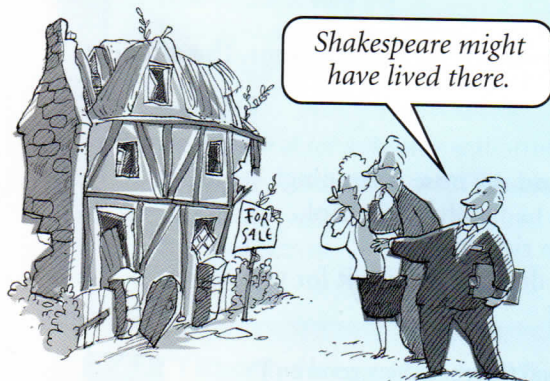
Modal verbs 2 – probability • Character adjectives • So do !! Neither do !!



TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

1 Read each pair of sentences. If the sentence is a fact, put (✓). If the sentence is only a possibility, put (?).

- 1 ☐ I must be in love!
☐ I'm in love!
- 2 ☐ She could be having a shower.
☐ She's having a shower.
- 3 ☐ That isn't your bag.
☐ That can't be your bag.
- 4 ☐ You must have met my brother.
☐ You've met my brother.
- 5 ☐ They haven't met the president.
☐ They can't have met the president.
- 6 ☐ Shakespeare might have lived there.
☐ Shakespeare lived there.



2 Which sentences talk about the present?
Which talk about the past?

I NEED HELP!

must, could, might, can't

- 1 Do you ever read advice columns in magazines or newspapers? What kind of problems do people write about?
- 2 Lucy and Pam have problems. They wrote to 'Susie's Problem Page' in *Metro Magazine*. Read Susie's advice. What do you think the problems are?

Susie's problem

Got a problem? *Metro Magazine's* agony aunt

Lucy's problem:

'I think about him night and day!'

Susie replies:

Hi Lucy,

Everyone has daydreams and there's nothing wrong with that. It's only a problem when you forget where dreams end and the real world begins. Don't write to him any more. You know in reality that a relationship with him is impossible, and that running away to Hollywood is a crazy idea. You need to find other interests and friends your own age to talk to. Sitting at home watching him on video won't help you. Your parents are clearly too busy to notice or listen. Your future is in your hands, so get a life, study hard, and good luck!

Yours,

Susie



3 Work in small groups. Look at p154–155.

Who's who in the family?

- 1 A It's Father's Day next Sunday.
B I know. Should we buy Dad a present or just send him a card?
- 2 Who do you think they are? Friends? Brother and sister? Husband and wife?
They can't be just friends. They could be brother and sister. They might be husband and wife.
- 3 Where do you think the people are? At home? In a pub? In a restaurant?
- 4 What do you think his job is? A lorry driver? A taxi driver? An actor?
- 5 What do you think she's talking about? Taking a test? Meeting her boyfriend's parents? A job interview? Who or what do you think they are talking about? A cat? A dog? A baby?

2 T 9.2 Listen to five short conversations and guess the answers to the questions. Work with a partner.

What are they talking about?

- 1 Respond to the statements or question. Use the words in brackets.
- 1 I haven't eaten anything since breakfast. (must/hungry)
You must be hungry.
 - 2 Steve has three jobs. (can't/much free time)
 - 3 The phone's ringing. (might/Jane)
 - 4 The cat's soaking wet! (must/raining)
 - 5 Listen to all those fire engines! (must/somewhere)
 - 6 I don't know where Sam is. (could/his bedroom)
 - 7 Marta isn't in the kitchen. (can't/cooking dinner)
 - 8 Whose coat is this? (might/John's)
- T 9.1 Listen and check. Practise the sentences with a partner. Pay attention to stress and intonation.

PRACTICE

Grammar and speaking

- 1 Look at Susie's replies. Say who he, she, or they refer to in these sentences.
- 2 She must be exhausted. Pam
- 3 She must be in love with a film star.
- 4 She could be a doctor or a nurse.
- 5 She can't have many friends.
- 6 He might have a gambling problem.
- 7 She can't be very old.
- 8 He must be unemployed.
- 9 They can't have much money.
- 4 Give reasons for each statement in exercise 3. Discuss with the class.
- Pam must be exhausted because she works hard and she does all the housework.
- 5 Read Lucy and Pam's letters to Susie on p154 to find out if your ideas are correct.

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Dr Susie Eden, gives expert advice.

Pam's problem:

'We don't communicate any more!'

Susie replies:

Hi Pam,
You're not helping your marriage by saying nothing to him. He doesn't seem to notice how you feel. I know he's worried about his mother, but it's unfair that he's always at her house and leaves you to do all the housework. You have a tiring and stressful job, caring for sick people all day. Make him understand this and ask him about the hundreds of lottery tickets you found. Encourage him to look for work – he'd feel better about himself if he had a job and it would help the family finances. In the meantime, don't hide your feelings; otherwise your anger and resentment will grow.
Yours,
Susie

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 The following sentences all express *it's possible that she's in love*. Which sentence is the most sure? Which sentences are less sure?
She must be in love.
She might be in love.
She could be in love.
- 2 How do we express *I don't think it's possible that she's in love*?
Grammar Reference 9.1 p147