

Deduction

1. Fill the gaps with **must**, **may** or **can't + verb**. Use these verbs:

be x 7 **have** **speak** **study**

1. Ben is very honest. He the thief!
2. "Is she French?" "I'm not sure. She Spanish."
3. John and Charles are talking together. They old friends.
4. Fred is at the dentist's. He toothache.
5. Someone is in the house. It my mother – she's on holiday in the USA.
6. "What does she study?" "I'm not sure. She history."
7. He has a BMW and a Mercedes. He rich!
8. Eddie is ugly but Nina is beautiful. She in love with him! It's impossible!
9. Gerry is Australian or Canadian. So she English.
10. "The phone's ringing. Who is it?" "I don't know. It my boyfriend.
He sometimes rings me here."

2. Complete these sentences using *must have + verb*. Use these verbs:

lose x 2 steal rain be eat murder escape quarrel win

1. Terry was the only person with a key. He the money. **(steal)**
2. Una has bought a new house. She the lottery. **(win)**
3. Victor is dead. His enemies him. **(murder)**
4. The ground is very wet. It last night. **(rain)**
5. The football fans look unhappy. Their team **(lose)**
6. Pete and Julie aren't speaking to each other. They **(quarrel)**
7. There's no food in the fridge. Someone it all. **(eat)**
8. The prison is empty. All the prisoners **(escape)**
9. Clara is sad. She her job. **(lose)**
10. I didn't see Jill at the party. She ill. **(be)**

3. Choose the correct answer from A, B, C and D.

1. Stewart loves his dog. He sold it.
A. can't have **B. must have** **C. might have** **D. may have**
2. Manchester United are the best team. They lost.
A. can't have **B. must have** **C. may have** **D. might have**
3. You're George's best friend. You known his secret.
A. can't have **B. must have** **C. may have** **D. might have**
4. There a thief in the school. It's possible.
A. maybe **B. might be** **C. must be** **D. can't be**
5. She's loves living in Canterbury. She moved.
A. can't have **B. must have** **C. may have** **D. might be have**
6. Michael has the best car. He the race tomorrow.
A. must have won **B. must be winning** **C. will must win** **D. must win**
7. It's impossible. David won the race yesterday.
A. mustn't have **B. didn't have** **C. mightn't have** **D. can't have**
8. I can't find my passport. I forgotten to bring it. It's possible.
A. maybe **B. might** **C. may have** **D. mustn't have**
9. Is that clock right? It midnight! It's impossible!
A. can't have **B. must be** **C. can't be** **D. might be**
10. He's changed his hairstyle. You recognised him.
A. mustn't have **B. may not have** **C. can have** **D. maybe have**

Answer key: Deduction

- 1.
1. can't be
 2. may be
 3. must be
 4. must have
 5. can't be
 6. may study
 7. must be
 8. can't be
 9. must speak
 10. may be

- 2.
1. must have stolen
 2. must have won
 3. must have murdered
 4. must have rained
 5. must have lost
 6. must have quarrelled
 7. must have eaten
 8. must have escaped
 9. must have lost
 10. must have been

- 3.
1. A
 2. A
 3. B
 4. B
 5. A
 6. D
 7. D
 8. C
 9. C
 10. B