

# Must be, Should be, Might be, Can't be (Answers)

*This sheet deals with the feeling differences when using these expressions*

## must be

*feel 100% about  
a situation*

## should be

*feel something is true  
or will happen*

## might be

*feel it's a 50%  
chance to happen*

## can't be

*believe something  
0%*

*Fill in the blanks with the correct **bold** expression from above as in the examples:*

- ex.1) You **have to** give a speech to thousands. You **must be** nervous. (*feel 100%*)  
ex.2) It **can't be** ! Three killers escaped from the local prison! (*unbelievable, 0%*)  
ex.3) My lost keys **might be** in the bathroom. I went in there earlier. (*50% chance*)  
ex.4) Tom **should** still **be** at the party. He said he'd stay all night. (*feel it is true*)

1. That international market has so much stuff, you **should be** able to find large tortillas to make burritos. You **might not be** able to get them at a local shop.
2. It's 7:00 and Bob finished work at 6:00. He **should be** home by now. He lives close to his office and said he was going straight home.
3. You've been working 36 hours in a row! You **must be** really tired.
4. Art says he can hold his breath for 10 minutes! That **can't be** possible!
5. I know you don't like sweets at all, but taste this cake. I think you **might be** surprised by how good it is.
6. Jim lives on the 43<sup>rd</sup> floor near the bay. His view **must be** amazing!
7. Our teacher always stays late after school, so if you hurry you **should surely be** able to catch him in his office.
8. Impossible! It **can't be** that my wife makes more money than I do!
9. There's a small chance, but we **might be** able to see Tom Cruise at the event! It's his big new movie, so he **should/might be** there to promote it.
10. You haven't eaten all day! You **must be** starving!
11. It's 8:40 and the shop closes at 9, so it **should still be** open.
12. I heard Kim and Tom are getting a divorce, but that **can't be** true! They seem so happy together. It **must be** a big mistake for sure!
13. If you walk around at night downtown, there's a chance you **might be** followed by a crazy person. So, if you decide to do it, you **should be** careful.
14. Ed **must be** the luckiest person I know! He won the lottery, again!
15. If it's not cloudy, we **should definitely be** able to see the solar eclipse.
16. Julie **can't be** younger than me! She looks like she **must/might be** in her 40s or something! I'm only 32! She **must be** lying about her age!
17. I **might be** able to go with you. I'm not sure. I have to ask for the day off.
18. Mike crashed the family car. His father **must be** so angry at him.
19. Are you serious!? No way! You **can't be** serious! I don't believe you!!
20. I **might be** moving to Tokyo. My company is thinking of sending me there.