

A. DESCRIBING

1. DESCRIBING A SITUATION

WHAT ?

The document is a... photo/video/still
It shows .../ it deals with...

WHERE ?

The scene takes place.... / an incident occurs....
in a high-speed train
on a beach
along the Irish border
outside a bank in London

WHEN ?

In the morning/winter/2021
on Monday/ New Year's Day
at exactly/approximately 10 o'clock AM/PM
around 10 o'clock PM

WHO ?

Teens/young adults/ students/ a boss/ employers/ workers/
applicants/ job seekers/ employees

appearance : they look + adjective
positions : they stand/sit/crouch/kneel/lie

2. BE OR HAVE ?

	PAST ←	TODAY	→ FUTURE
I..	WAS	AM	WILL BE
HE... SHE...	WAS	IS	WILL BE
YOU... THEY..	WERE	ARE	WILL BE

To Have			
	Present	Past	Future
I	have	had	will have
You	have	had	will have
He	has	had	will have
She	has	had	will have
It	has	had	will have
We	have	had	will have
You	have	had	will have
They	have	had	will have

3. DESCRIBING SOMETHING WHICH IS HAPPENING NOW

GRAMMAR CHART

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Am / is / are + -ing = something is happening now

I	am	
You	are	
He	is	
She	is	
It	is	
We	are	
They	are	

cooking.

I	am not	
You	are not	
He	is not	(isn't)
She	is not	(isn't)
It	is not	(isn't)
We	are not	(aren't)
They	are not	(aren't)

cooking.

MODAL VERBS OF DEDUCTION

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MUST

90-100% (sure it's TRUE)

- ➔ She must be in the garden. (=I'm sure she is in the garden)
- ➔ They must know each other.

CAN'T

90-100% (sure NOT true)

- ➔ She can't be his mother. She's too young. (=I'm sure she is NOT his mother)
- ➔ He's just left. He can't be too far.

MAY/MIGHT (NOT)

30-50% (maybe it's TRUE)

- ➔ He may/might be dead.

30-50% (maybe NOT true)

- ➔ He may/might not remember who you are. (=Maybe he does NOT remember)

Use **can't** (NOT **mustn't**)

- ✗ He's just left. He **mustn't be** too far.
- ✓ He's just left. He **can't be** too far.

Use **may/might** (NOT **can**)

- ✗ He isn't here. He **can be** at home.
- ✓ He isn't here. He **might be** at home



+ be + -ing verb

to speculate about actions in progress

- ➔ They are in Iniza. They **must be having** a great time.
- ➔ You're always hungry. I think that you **might not be eating** enough protein.
- ➔ New study suggests that air pollution **may be making** people unhappy.

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