

# EXPRIMER LA PROBABILITÉ ET LA POSSIBILITÉ AVEC LES MODAUX



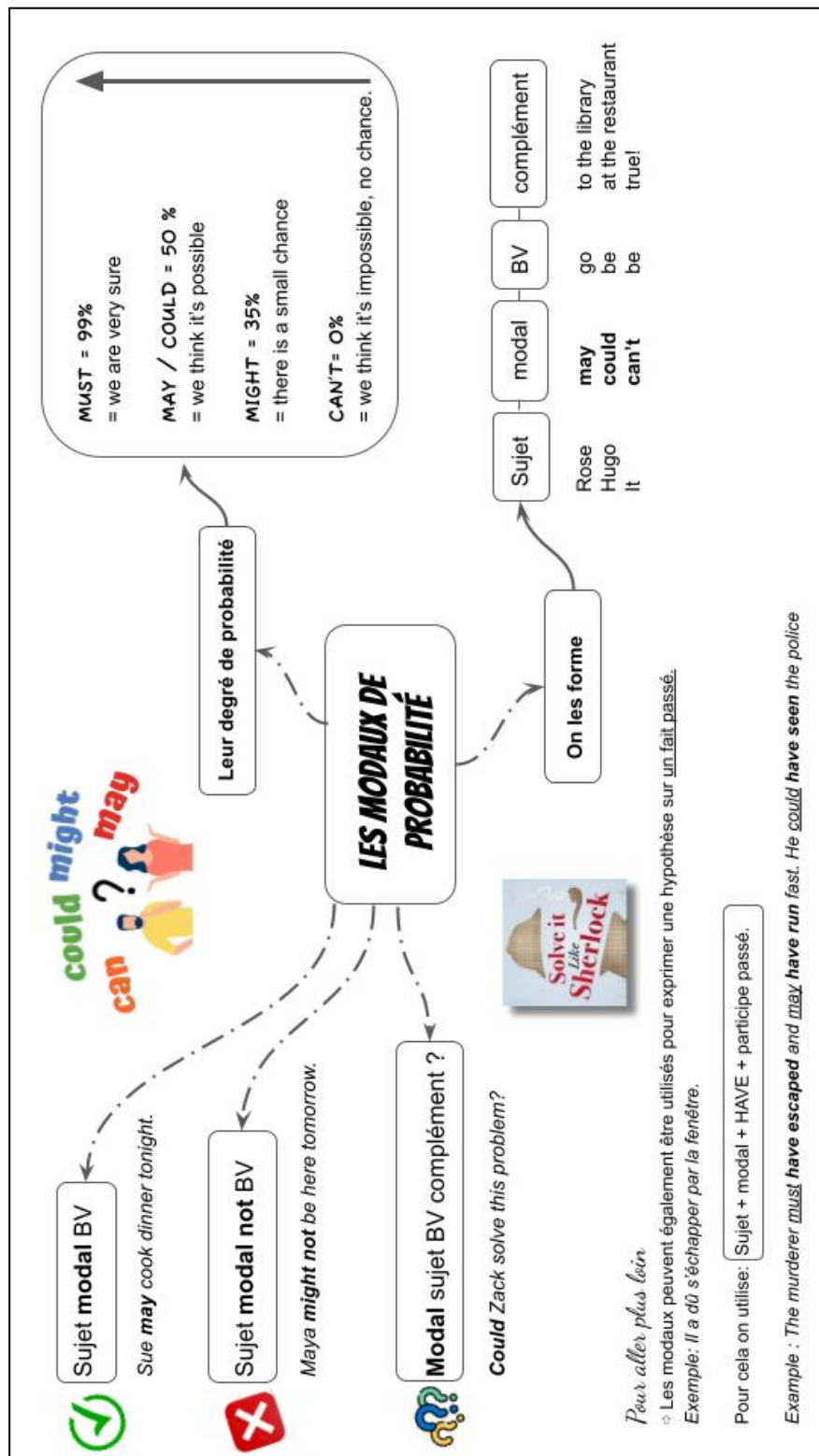
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⇒ **Ta mission:** lire, comprendre, apprendre et mémoriser la leçon

## EXPRIMER LA PROBABILITÉ ET LA POSSIBILITÉ

⇒ On utilise les modaux MUST, MAY, MIGHT, COULD et CAN'T pour exprimer une probabilité, une possibilité, pour faire des déductions ou des hypothèses.

*Quel est le degré de certitude de l'énoncé (= de ce qui est dit)?*





*Now, practice!*

## Match the sentences

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|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. She might be American.             | ☺ | ☺ | She has a sports bag.         |
| 2. She can't be a university student. | ☺ | ☺ | She has a camera and a guide. |
| 3. She must be cold.                  | ☺ | ☺ | She's wearing a baseball cap. |
| 4. She might go to the gym            | ☺ | ☺ | She has a map.                |
| 5. She could be lost                  | ☺ | ☺ | She's looking at job adverts. |
| 6. She must be married.               | ☺ | ☺ | She doesn't talk to anybody.  |
| 7. She must be a tourist.             | ☺ | ☺ | She isn't wearing a suit.     |
| 8. She can't enjoy the party.         | ☺ | ☺ | She has a wedding ring.       |
| 9. She may not have a job.            | ☺ | ☺ | She is not old enough.        |
| 10. She can't be a businessman.       | ☺ | ☺ | She isn't wearing a jumper.   |

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- Dad worked all day. He ..... be tired. But maybe not.
- Maybe Tania is at work. She ..... be at work.
- Chris definitely knows how to fix my bike. He ..... know how to fix it.
- My friends are a little sick. They ..... not go to class tomorrow.
- My parents know my teacher for sure. They ..... know my teacher.
- I don't know if I will go to see a movie tonight. I ..... go to see one.
- Everyone is wearing a thick jacket. It ..... be cold outside.
- Suzu might be at home, or she ..... be at the office.

*Now correct your answers. Please turn over.*

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