

What's happened to the tenant?

Speaking (Expressing deduction)

Situation

You are landlord and landladies and one of your tenants has not paid her rent this week.

You have not heard her in her room for two days and you are rather worried as she did not tell you she was going to be away.

You decide to go into her room to see if you can get any clues to her whereabouts. Being a rather nosy person, you also take the opportunity to find out a bit more about your tenant!

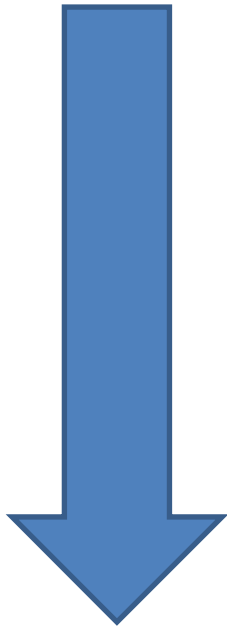


- Here is what you have found.
- For each item, discuss your conclusion(s) in your group.
- Use modals of deduction (*must*, *can't*, *may*, *might*).



Making deductions (certainty and uncertainty)

⊙ **Extremely Certain
(positive)**



⊙ **Extremely Certain
(negative)**

must

- ⊙ She **must be** on holidays. (PRESENT)
- ⊙ Someone **must have called** her. (PAST)

may/ might

- ⊙ She **might/may be** a smoker. (PRESENT)
- ⊙ She **might/may have fallen** in love with that boy. (PAST)

can't

- ⊙ She **can't be dead**. (PRESENT)
- ⊙ She **can't have disappeared**. (PAST)

You search her room again a bit more thoroughly and find some more evidence. Once again, discuss your conclusions about what you think has happened.

**To Athens,
today's date**



I'm so sorry...

*.... don't want to
hurt you....*

*.... don't know how
to tell you....*