

Modal verbs for speculating

A Make guesses about the situations below. Complete the sentences with modal verbs and the verbs given. Sometimes there is more than one correct answer.

1. You hear the sound of breaking glass at your neighbor's house next door, and then a siren.
 - a. It must be (be) a burglar for sure.
 - b. The neighbors (be) away, perhaps.
 - c. The police (come).
 - d. The burglar (be) in the house.
2. You see a young woman and young man talking outside a cinema. They look upset.
 - a. They (have) an argument.
 - b. They (feel) very happy.
 - c. He (be) her date, perhaps.
 - d. He (try) to comfort her.
3. You're in a cab that is going too fast.
 - a. The driver (be) in a hurry, for sure.
 - b. He (be) a very safe driver.
 - c. He _____ (break) the speed limit.
 - d. He _____ (want) to get off work early.
4. You see a cyclist sitting on the ground next to his bike.
 - a. He (be) hurt, perhaps.
 - b. He (take) a rest.
 - c. He _____ (take part) in a bicycle race.
 - d. His bicycle (be) damaged.

Adjectives ending in *-ed* and *-ing*

A Complete the sentences. Write the correct adjective forms of the words given.

1. I hate it when I'm out with a group of friends and we can't decide what to do. It can be incredibly _____ (frustrate). I guess we're all _____ (interest) in different things.
2. I get really _____ (annoy) when people say they'll meet me and then they're half an hour late. It's _____ (surprise) how selfish people can be.
3. My parents are very _____ (please) that I have nice friends. I think parents get _____ (worry) about things like that.
4. I'm always really _____ (shock) when friends get into fights with each other.
5. It's always _____ (excite) to see my friends. Not one of them is _____ (bore).
6. It's _____ (disappoint) when friends don't keep in touch. But it happens.
7. I feel _____ (disappoint) when friends don't call when they promised.
8. Some people post really mean comments online. They can be pretty _____ (scare).
9. It's always _____ (fascinate) to find out about other people's jobs.

Simple past passive

A Write sentences using the prompts given and the simple past passive.

1. A dinosaur bone / find / in a storage box at a Boston museum this week.

The bone / identify / as a new species of dinosaur.

2. Two main subway lines / close / yesterday for a second day.

Repairs to the lines / not complete / on time.

3. A live show in New York City / cancel / last night after the lead singer fell off the stage.

Ticket holders / not refund.

4. Police / call / to an apartment after neighbors heard strange sounds.

A raccoon / trap / inside the apartment. It / remove / by animal services.

Simple past passive + *by* + agent

A Rewrite the two news stories using the prompts given. Use the simple past passive and an adverb. Use *by* where needed.

1. A thief broke in through the roof of a police station late last night – thinking it was a local business. The roof (partial / damage) when the thief fell through and landed on the floor of the police station. The man (quick / arrest / an officer on duty). Although the man (serious / not injure), he (immediate / take to the emergency room / ambulance). Police say the burglar alarms at the station (temporary / disconnect).

2. Dozens of cars (bad / damage) yesterday after a freak hailstorm. The cars (hit / large hailstones) in the parking lot of a local supermarket. One driver said her windshield (complete / shatter). The store (partial / flood) in the storm.