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Explanations

- **Uncertainty – future time**
Our team might win the basketball match. I may/might see you next week.
I may/might not have time to finish tonight.
- **Possibility – present time**
The cat could be in the kitchen.
The baby may/might be crying because he's tired.
- **Impossibility or certainty- present time**
It can't be Tuesday today! It was Tuesday yesterday!
He must be at home. (I'm sure he is at home.)
She can't be in Spain! (I'm sure she isn't in Spain.)
I saw her today!
- We cannot use *can't* and *must* for impossibility or certainty in future time.

Careful! We can't say:

It can be Tuesday! X

It mustn't be Tuesday. X