

How certain?

3 Decide on the degree of certainty in these sentences. Put two ticks (✓✓) if the idea expressed is certain. Put one tick (✓) if it is less certain.

- 1 ✓✓ You must have seen him at the party. I know he was there.
- 2 ✓ The dog is really dirty. He might have been swimming in the pond.
- 3 _____ He can't have been telling the truth.
- 4 _____ He might have left a voicemail on your phone.
- 5 _____ I don't know where she is. She may have gone shopping.
- 6 _____ She must have been very upset when you told her the news.
- 7 _____ They're not answering the front door. They must have gone away already.
- 8 _____ I don't see their car. They can't have come back yet.
- 9 _____ It's six o'clock. Tom will have gone home by now.
- 10 _____ Matthew isn't here – he might have thought you weren't coming and gone for a run by himself.
- 11 _____ Paula's not here yet. She could have got caught up in traffic.
- 12 _____ Ian will be back soon. It's Friday, so he'll have gone to the pub for a quick drink after work.

🔊 10.1 Listen and check the intonation.

Past probability – active and passive

4 Write sentences for situations 1–8 below using the information in the chart.

He	must have	had it cut	a cake.
She	can't have	gone	a cleaner yet.
They	might have	been	to Andy.
		arrived home	something naughty.
		got engaged	for ages.
		found	without you.
		been doing	in a meeting.
		been making	by now.

- 1 Stella's wearing a beautiful diamond ring.

- 2 The children ran away laughing and giggling.

- 3 There's flour on Grandma's nose.

- 4 Paolo and Geri said they'd wait for me, but I can't see them.

- 5 Tim's flat is such a mess.

- 6 It's after midnight. Henry and Sally left ages ago.

- 7 I don't know why Tara didn't ring back.

- 8 Look at Joe's hair. It's really long!

🔊 10.2 Listen and check.

5 Write sentences for the situations below, using the prompts and *must have been* or *can't have been*.

- 1 A tree has fallen across the road.
It _____ . (blow down/storm)
- 2 My white jeans have turned pink.
They _____ . (wash/with something red)
- 3 My TV has broken and I've only just had it fixed.
It _____ . (repair/properly)
- 4 David's suit looks a bit dirty.
It _____ . (dry-clean/recently)
- 5 The car windscreen has shattered.
It _____ . (hit/by a stone)
- 6 What's happened to the cake?
It _____ . (eat/by the dog)