

## MYSTERY!

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**Aim:** Give Ss practice using past modals to make deductions and solve a mystery.

**Preparation:** Make one copy of the worksheet for every three Ss.

**Comment:** Use after or in place of the Speaking on page 88.

- Ss work in groups of three. Give each group a worksheet.
- Write on the board:  
may have    might have    could have    must have
- Explain the task. Ss will come up with a story that solves the mystery.
- Ss complete the task. First, Ss read the news article and look at the picture. Then they discuss the questions at the bottom of the page and come up with questions and answers of their own. Encourage them to use the expressions on the board. Give Ss a time limit of about ten minutes.
- Ask each group to join another group and compare their stories.
- After five minutes, have each group tell its story to the class.
- Ss vote on the best story.

**MYSTERY!****DEATH ON THE CANAL!**

**VENICE, ITALY** – Yesterday, the British millionaire art dealer Niles Robinson, who was 50, had just bought an original painting by Pablo Picasso to bring back to his private gallery in London. He had also been planning

his wedding, set to occur in Venice next month, with the Italian model Giovanna Lucci. A passing tourist took this picture of Robinson (seated on a bench) just a few hours before Robinson's death.

1. Was Robinson murdered, or was it an accident?
2. If it was an accident, what happened?
3. If it was murder, who killed him and why?