

Grammar 3A

Modals of deduction

1 Look at the sentences in exercise 2. Which city in the box is each sentence describing?

Canberra, Australia Mexico City, Mexico
Moscow, Russia Pretoria, South Africa Tokyo, Japan

2 Choose the best modals to complete the deductions.

Most people here speak Spanish.

- 1 It *can't* / *could* be Canberra or Pretoria.
- 2 It *may* / *must* be Mexico City.

December is one of the hottest months here.

- 3 It *may* / *must* be Pretoria.
- 4 It *might* / *can't* be Moscow or Tokyo.

It's not in Europe.

- 5 It *must* / *could* be Pretoria or Mexico City.
- 6 It *might* / *must* be Canberra.

It's an Asian city.

- 7 It *could* / *can't* be Mexico City or Pretoria.
- 8 It *can't* / *must* be Tokyo.

Extend your vocabulary

– *stranger* and *foreigner*

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 the man who robbed me was a complete *stranger* / *foreigner*. I'd never met him before.
- 2 It's very stimulating to be a *stranger* / *foreigner* living in another country.
- 3 *Strangers* / *Foreigners* visit things in a city that many local residents no longer notice.
- 4 Excuse me. I'm a *stranger* / *foreigner* round here. Could you tell me where the town centre is?
- 5 *Strangers* / *Foreigners* who plan to visit the USA need to get a visa first.
- 6 Oriol's really outgoing. He starts conversations with total *strangers* / *foreigners* wherever he goes.