

## MODALS OF PROBABILITY

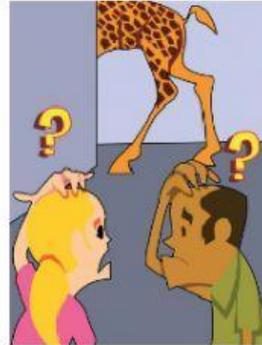
### 1 Complete the conversation with *might*, *must*, *can't* or *could*.

A: What's that? Oh, I know, it <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be a big cat.

B: Mm, I don't think so. It <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be an elephant because it's too small.

A: Right, but it's an African animal. It <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be a rhino but it's the wrong colour.

B: I know! It <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be a giraffe – look at its skin!



### 2 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ watch a programme about animals tonight.  
a might            b can't
- 2 That \_\_\_\_\_ be the longest snake I've ever seen!  
a can't            b must
- 3 Phil \_\_\_\_\_ be ill because he isn't at school today.  
a might            b can't
- 4 It \_\_\_\_\_ be a parrot. It's the wrong colour!  
a can't            b must
- 5 I know you've lost your book. \_\_\_\_\_ this be it?  
a Can't            b Could
- 6 You \_\_\_\_\_ be really excited – you have tickets for your favourite band!  
a must            b could
- 7 Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ call me later, but she's not sure.  
a must            b might
- 8 I'm tired. It \_\_\_\_\_ be time for bed.  
a must            b can't

### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

**A:** What are you reading? And what is that?

**B:** It's an amazing animal. It <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be very clever to do the things it does.

**A:** Right! It <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be from Europe! Look at those trees and the background!

**B:** No, I think it <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be from South America somewhere. I haven't finished reading it yet!

**A:** Well, I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do my 'wonderful animals' project about this! Can I have the magazine?

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 I think it \_\_\_\_\_ rain today – look at the sky.
- 2 This \_\_\_\_\_ be for me – I don't like nature magazines.
- 3 You \_\_\_\_\_ be really happy with your new pet dog!
- 4 That animal \_\_\_\_\_ bite you – watch out!
- 5 It looks like a dog, but it lives in the forest. It \_\_\_\_\_ be a wolf.
- 6 Everyone's wearing hats and coats. It \_\_\_\_\_ be very cold.
- 7 I can't find my books, but they \_\_\_\_\_ be at school.
- 8 It \_\_\_\_\_ be a fox. It's the size of a small horse!