

Speculation and deduction

A. Use the phrases in the box as clues to complete the dialogue.

You need to use the correct modal verb from **must, can't, may, might, or should** and an appropriate verb where applicable.

1. It's possible that he's having
2. Almost certainly isn't
3. I'm almost sure he is
4. It's possible that he's doing
5. I'm almost sure it wasn't
6. He was almost definitely there
7. Perhaps her went
8. Perhaps he didn't think
9. Will probably be

Lucy: Pamela, why are you crying? What's wrong?

Pamela: It's Derek. I think ¹ he might be having an affair.

Lucy: Come on Pamela, that ² _____ true. He ³ _____ one of the most reliable partners in the world. How can you possibly think that he ⁴ _____ something behind your back?

Pamela: That's what I thought until a friend saw him coming out of a restaurant with another woman! He told me he was working late.

Lucy: It ⁵ _____ him.

Pamela: No Lucy, it was definitely him. I found this receipt in his pocket, so he ⁶ _____ there that night.

Lucy: Well, he ⁷ _____ there with a group of co-workers from work. He ⁸ _____ it was important enough to tell you about it.

Pamela: What do you mean not important enough?

Lucy: Look, don't you think it would be a good idea to talk to him about it? Everything ⁹ _____ fine once you give him a chance to explain. You'll see.

B. Add one word in the right place to make the sentences correct. Write the word and the two surrounding words.

1. The traffic is heavy today, so they're sure be late for the meeting.
_____ sure to be _____

2. Medical experts say that the disease likely to spread all over the world.

3. With an experienced guide you probably be able to get to the top in four or five hours.

4. The company is unlikely be in a position to make a profit this year.

5. If we play as badly as we did last week, we bound to lose in the semi-final.

6. It's very that you'll win anything. I'd say there's only a 2% chance.

7. With her presentation skills she's bound be able to convince the company to diversify.

8. If Yuri doesn't get to the gate before it closes, she definitely miss the flight.
