

Grammar – 9: Modal verbs of deduction (*present*)

A. Complete the sentences with *must*, *might*, *might not* or *can't*.

- 1 He lived in Argentina for five years so he must speak good Spanish!
- 2 You _____ be very busy at work. You're always on Facebook!
- 3 I'm not sure, but the new assistant _____ be Italian. Her surname is Rossi.
- 4 Mark passed all his exams. His parents _____ be very proud.
- 5 Do you really think England will win tonight? You _____ be serious! They have no chance!
- 6 Lucy wasn't feeling well this afternoon, so she _____ come to the party tonight. She said she would let us know later today.
- 7 I thought our neighbour was away on holiday, but she _____ be – I've just seen her in her garden.
- 8 It's very cold this evening and there's a lot of cloud. I think it _____ snow.

B. Match the sentences.

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| He might be American. | ☒ D | A He's carrying a sports bag. |
| 1 He can't be a university student. | ☐ | B He's carrying a camera and a guide book. |
| 2 He must be cold. | ☐ | C He's looking at a map. |
| 3 He might be going to the gym. | ☐ | D He's wearing a baseball cap. |
| 4 He could be lost. | ☐ | E He's looking at job adverts in the newspaper. |
| 5 He must be married. | ☐ | F He isn't talking to anybody. |
| 6 He must be a tourist. | ☐ | G He isn't wearing a suit. |
| 7 He can't be enjoying the party. | ☐ | H He's wearing a wedding ring. |
| 8 He may not have a job. | ☐ | I He's not old enough. |
| 9 He can't be a businessman. | ☐ | J He isn't wearing a jumper. |