

## 4A Grammar: Speculation and Deduction

Complete the dialogue. Rewrite the highlighted phrases using must, can't, may, might, or should and be sure to write the main verb in the correct tense.

### What friends are for!

Joy: Pam, why are you crying? What's wrong?

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

*It is possible that he's having*

Come on, Pam. That \_\_\_\_\_ true.

*Almost certainly isn't*

He \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most reliable

*I'm almost sure he is*

Joy: partners in the world. How can you possibly think that he \_\_\_\_\_ something behind your back?

*It's possible that he is doing*

That's what I thought. Until a friend saw him

Pam: coming out of a restaurant with another woman. He told me he was working late.

Joy: It \_\_\_\_\_ him.

*I'm almost sure it wasn't*

No Joy, it was definitely him. I found this receipt

Pam: in his pocket, so he \_\_\_\_\_ there that night.

*He was almost definitely there*

Well, he \_\_\_\_\_ there with a group of co-

Joy: workers from work. He \_\_\_\_\_ it was important enough to tell you about it.

*Perhaps he went*

*Perhaps he didn't think*

Pam: What do you mean, not important enough?

Look, don't you think it would be a good idea to

Joy: talk to him about it? Everything \_\_\_\_\_ fine once you give him a chance to explain. You'll see

*Will probably be*

Emi: Oh hi Pam, how are you?

Hello Emi, I'm ok but sad because of what you told me about seeing Derek.

Pam: By the way, let me introduce you to my best friend Joy.

Emi: Erm... That's the lady I saw coming out of the restaurant with your husband!

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Each of the following sentences have a word missing.

Rewrite the sentences to include the missing words.

1. The traffic is heavy today, so they are sure be late for the meeting.

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

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3. With an experienced guide you probably be able to get to the top in 4 or 5 hours.

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

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5. If we play as badly as we did last week, we bound to lose in the next round.

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

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

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

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