

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-

Perhaps he went

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

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.

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 4 or 5 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 next round.

6. It's very that you will 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.
