

1 GRAMMAR modals of deduction

a Circle the correct words.



- 1 That man can't / must be the new boss.
Our new boss is a woman.



- 2 You must / can't be really tired. You've had a long trip.



- 3 I'm not sure what book to buy Oliver. He might not / mustn't like the same kind of things as me.



- 4 Paula can't / could be injured. She isn't running very well at all today. She's very slow.



- 5 Your neighbour must / might not have a good job. He has a very expensive car.



- 6 Luke and Molly must / can't have much money. They never go out.

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

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

c Rewrite the highlighted sentences. Use *might (not)*, *can't*, or *must*.

- They've been knocked out of the tournament. I'm sure they're disappointed.
They must be disappointed.
- Emily's late. It's possible that she has a meeting.
She might have a meeting.
- It's 8.30 and Tom's still in bed. I'm sure he isn't going to work today.
He can't be going to work today.
- Don't buy that jumper for Ruth. It's possible that she won't like it.
She might not like it.
- We've only walked three kilometres. I'm sure you aren't tired already.
You mustn't be tired already.
- Susie's been studying all night. I'm sure she has an exam tomorrow.
She must have an exam tomorrow.
- We've been waiting ages for the lift. It's possible that it isn't working.
It might not be working.
- My brother isn't answering his phone. It's possible that he's driving home from work.
He might be driving home from work.