

WIDER WORLD

Name: _____
 Class: _____

6.4 Modal verbs for speculation: *must, could, might/may, can't*

1 Circle the correct options to complete the sentences.

0 Tom's walked a really long way today. He **must** / **might** / **can't** be tired.

1 Take an umbrella with you because it **may** / **can't** / **must** rain later.

2 Ben always gets 100% in his Maths tests. He **can't** / **could** / **must** be clever.

3 The phone's ringing. It **must** / **can't** / **might** be Mum, because she never rings when she's at work.

4 I'm not sure what's in this cake. It **could** / **must** / **can't** be coconut.

5 There's someone at the door. It **can't** / **might** / **must** be Alan.
 I'm expecting him to arrive now.

6 I'm going to buy this book. I think it **must** / **may** / **can't** help with my school project.

7 Jack said he's at home tonight. That **must** / **may** / **can't** be true.
 I've just seen him in town!

8 Tom's planning to buy a skateboard, a phone and a laptop.
 He **must** / **might** / **can't** have a lot of money.

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2 Use the words in the boxes to complete the second sentence.

It should mean the same as the first.

must be could be might be can't be

0 I'm sure Dad's tired. He's been at work all day.

Dad *must be* tired. He's been at work all day.

1 I'm not sure but it looks like snow falling outside.

It was snowing outside.

2 Karl isn't asleep – he's singing upstairs in his room.

3 I don't know who's in this photo – maybe Ted's family?

It is a black and white photograph of a family of four. From left to right, there is a man, a woman, a young girl, and a young boy. The man is wearing a dark shirt and trousers, the woman is wearing a light-colored dress, the girl is wearing a dark top and light skirt, and the boy is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark trousers. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

must be can't be might be must be

4 This looks like my book, but it hasn't got my name in it.

This is my book as it hasn't got my name in it.

5. I'm sure my bag's on the table. I left it there!

My bag is **on the table** – I left it there!

6 Who's the person with Billy? Perhaps it's his sister.

The person with Billy his sister

7. I'm sure this is where Dan lives – 20 Main Street

This is where Dan lives – 20 Main Street, New York, NY 10001.

7 I'm sure this is where Dan lives – 20 Main Street.
This _____ where Dan lives – 20 Main Street.

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