

# MORALS OF REDUCTION

## 1 Choose the correct words.

A Sam said he was going to Singapore next week. He might/must be flying as it's a long way.

B A: Look – is that Helen?  
B: What? It can't/must be. She's in New York at the moment!

C I heard them speaking Greek so they must/can't be from Greece.

D They speak Portuguese, so they must/could be from Brazil.

E May told me she had never been to a cold country, so she might/can't be from Canada.

F A: Do you think Bob is on his way home?  
B: He must/can't be. It's only four o'clock and he doesn't finish until five.

D It only takes thirty minutes to get there by car so it might/must be quite close.

E A: I tried calling John's home number but there was no answer.  
B: Oh, he might/can't be at work.

**Rewrite these observations with the modal verb in parentheses so that the meaning is the same.**

a I'm sure you're really cold! (must)  
**You must be really cold!**

b I'm sure you're kidding. (must)

c I'm sure your keys aren't far away. (can't)

- d** Maybe you won't enjoy the movie. (might not)
- e** I'm sure you know who she is. (must)
- f** I'm sure it's not far from here. (can't)
- g** Maybe you'll meet the love of your life. (might)
- h** I'm sure she isn't that old. (can't)