

MODALS OF PROBABILITY

1 Complete the conversation with *might*, *must*, *can't* or *could*.

- A: What's that? Oh, I know, it ¹ _____ be a big cat.
- B: Mm, I don't think so. It ² _____ be an elephant because it's too small.
- A: Right, but it's an African animal. It ³ _____ be a rhino but it's the wrong colour.
- B: I know! It ⁴ _____ be a giraffe – look at its skin!



2 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 I _____ watch a programme about animals tonight.
a might b can't
- 2 That _____ be the longest snake I've ever seen!
a can't b must
- 3 Phil _____ be ill because he isn't at school today.
a might b can't
- 4 It _____ be a parrot. It's the wrong colour!
a can't b must
- 5 I know you've lost your book. _____ this be it?
a Can't b Could
- 6 You _____ be really excited – you have tickets for your favourite band!
a must b could
- 7 Taylor _____ call me later, but she's not sure.
a must b might
- 8 I'm tired. It _____ be time for bed.
a must b can't

4 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- A: What are you reading? And what is that?
- B: It's an amazing animal. It ¹ _____ be very clever to do the things it does.
- A: Right! It ² _____ be from Europe! Look at those trees and the background!
- B: No, I think it ³ _____ be from South America somewhere. I haven't finished reading it yet!
- A: Well, I ⁴ _____ do my 'wonderful animals' project about this! Can I have the magazine?

3 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 I think it _____ rain today – look at the sky.
- 2 This _____ be for me – I don't like nature magazines.
- 3 You _____ be really happy with your new pet dog!
- 4 That animal _____ bite you – watch out!
- 5 It looks like a dog, but it lives in the forest. It _____ be a wolf.
- 6 Everyone's wearing hats and coats. It _____ be very cold.
- 7 I can't find my books, but they _____ be at school.
- 8 It _____ be a fox. It's the size of a small horse!