

MODALS OF DEDUCTION

MATCH THE SENTENCES

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He might be American.

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A He's carrying a sports bag.

1 He can't be a college student.

B He's carrying a camera and a guide book.

2 He must be cold.

C He's looking at a map.

3 He might be going to the gym.

D He's wearing a baseball cap.

4 He could be lost.

E He's looking at job ads in the newspaper.

5 He must be married.

F He isn't talking to anybody.

6 He must be a tourist.

G He isn't wearing a suit.

7 He can't be enjoying the party.

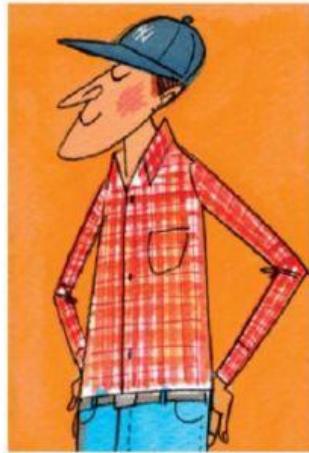
H He's wearing a wedding ring.

8 He may not have a job.

I He's not old enough.

9 He can't be a businessman.

J He isn't wearing a jacket.



COMPLETE WITH **MUST, MIGHT, MIGHT NOT, CAN'T**

Complete with *must*, *might* (*not*), or *can't*.

A What does Pete's new girlfriend do?

B I'm not sure, but she might be a model.
She's very pretty.

1 A Do you know anyone who drives a Ferrari?

B Yes, my nephew. I don't know his salary, but he can't earn a fortune!

2 A Why don't you buy this dress for your mom?

B I'm not sure. She might like it. It's a little short for her.

3 A My sister works as an interpreter for the United Nations.

B She must speak a lot of languages to work there.

4 A Did you know that Andy's parents have split up?

B Poor Andy. He can't feel very happy about that.

5 A Are your neighbors away? All the windows are closed.

B I'm not sure. I suppose they might be on vacation.

6 A Where's your colleague today?

B She can't be sick. She called to say that she's going to the doctor's.

7 A Jane is looking at you in a very strange way.

B Yes. I've grown a beard since I saw her last, so she can't recognize me.

8 A My daughter has failed all her exams again.

B She must be working very hard if she gets such bad grades.

9 A Why is Tina so happy?

B I'm not sure, but she might have a new partner.

10 A Where's the manager's house?

B I don't know, but he can't live near the office because he commutes every day by train.

FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE AND SPECULATE ABOUT THEIR AGE, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY FRIENDS, LIKES AND DISLIKES



Example:

"I think he is a photographer. He **might** be 26 years old
He **must** have kids. He **could** be married"

