

Grammar 3B

Modals of deduction

Complete the conversation with the modals in the box.
Use each modal at least once.

can't	could	may	might	must
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A: Who's that in Mr Doyle's garden?

B: I can't see anybody. You (1) _____ be imagining things!

A: Look! There. It's strange because Mr Doyle's on holiday.

B: Well, it (2) _____ be one of his children.
I think I've met them all.

A: Do you think it (3) _____ be a friend of his?
Maybe he's asked a friend to water his plants.

B: I suppose it (4) _____ be a friend of his,
but I don't think it is. I've never seen him before.
But then I (5) _____ possibly know who all
his friends are!

A: Or he (6) _____ have a gardener. It's a big
garden – maybe he decided to get some help.

B: No, it (7) _____ be a gardener. Gardening
is Mr Doyle's favourite hobby. He'd never let someone
else do the work.

A: Well, in that case there's only one possibility left.
It (8) _____ be an intruder. We should call
the police.

B: You're right. Let's call them.