

# USE OF ENGLISH 1

**1** Match the sentences (1–6) with the correct category (A–D). Some categories can be matched more than once.

- 1 That restaurant **can't** be very good – it's Friday night and it's empty!
- 2 Winters **could** be difficult when I lived in Alaska.
- 3 It **shouldn't** take more than ten minutes.
- 4 You **must** be pleased with your exam result!
- 5 I **might** have a lie in tomorrow.
- 6 I'm not sure about the concert, it **could** be expensive.

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| A certainty   | C generalisations in the past |
| B possibility | D setting expectations        |

**2** Choose the correct meaning (A, B or C) for each sentence.

- 1 Lisa **may** be at the gym.
  - A I'm sure that Lisa is at the gym.
  - B It's possible that Lisa is at the gym.
  - C It's impossible that Lisa is at the gym.
- 2 It **can't** be Isaac's phone.
  - A It's possible that it's Isaac's phone.
  - B I'm sure it's Isaac's phone.
  - C It's impossible that it's Isaac's phone.
- 3 It **should** be interesting!
  - A I expect it will be interesting.
  - B I expect it was interesting.
  - C I don't think it will be interesting.
- 4 We **might** not get there on time.
  - A I'm sure we won't get there on time.
  - B We'll probably get there on time.
  - C It's possible that we won't get there on time.
- 5 She **must** be very excited.
  - A She definitely isn't very excited.
  - B I'm sure she's very excited.
  - C It's possible that she's very excited.
- 6 They **could** get top marks for their project.
  - A It's possible that they will get top marks.
  - B They were able to get top marks.
  - C It's impossible for them to get top marks.

**3** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **may / must** go to the party, but I'm not sure yet.
- 2 No, that **can't / mustn't** be Frank's jumper – it's too small!
- 3 I'd love to go to the exhibition, but I **might not / couldn't** have time.
- 4 Fern has got a big exam tomorrow – she **can / must** be nervous.
- 5 There will be some good speakers, so it **must / should** be interesting.
- 6 I can't find my purse. **Could / May** it be in your bag?
- 7 I'd like a good seat, but the ticket **may not / mustn't** be too expensive.
- 8 I'm not sure whose bag it is. I suppose it **could / can** be Fernanda's.

**4** Listen to the conversation between Kelly and Peter and complete the sentences with the correct modal verb(s).

should    must    could    might    can't

- 1 Olivia ..... be upset.
- 2 Kelly ..... talk to Olivia first.
- 3 Kelly ..... take part in the school play and the robotics club.
- 4 Peter thinks the decision ..... be hard.
- 5 The school play ..... be a success.

**5** Rewrite the sentences using the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 I'm sure my phone charger is here somewhere!

**MUST**

My phone charger ..... somewhere!

- 2 It's possible that you won't like the book.

**MIGHT**

You ..... the book.

- 3 Do you think it's possible that Dan is at home?

**COULD**

Do you think Dan ..... at home?

- 4 I'm sure the class isn't that boring.

**BE**

The class ..... that boring!

- 5 I expect they'll have a fantastic time.

**SHOULD**

They ..... a fantastic time.

- 6 Perhaps Lisa is trying to phone now.

**MAY**

Lisa ..... now.

