

Grammar 1 Adding comments using *must* and *can't*

1 Read the comments 1–7. Tick the appropriate responses. More than one response may be possible.

- 1 Guess what? I've got that job I applied for! I'm relocating to Thailand!
 - a Congratulations! You must be so pleased!
 - b You must have impressed them at the interview! Well done!
 - c You can't have been pleased!
- 2 I've always wanted to live abroad!
 - a You can't be excited.
 - b You must be so excited!
 - c You must have been so excited!
- 3 Unfortunately, a good friend also applied for the same job.
 - a That must have been awkward.
 - b You must have been in a difficult position.
 - c That can't have been awkward.
- 4 We had a huge falling-out over it.
 - a That must have been hard.
 - b You can't be fun.
 - c That can't have been fun.
- 5 Luckily, I hear he's now been offered another job.
 - a That can't be a relief.
 - b That must be a relief.
 - c That must have been a relief!
- 6 Anyway, I've already found an apartment online.
 - a You can't have been very efficient.
 - b You must be very efficient!
 - c You must have been very efficient.
- 7 It even has a roof-top pool!
 - a You mustn't be serious! Lucky you!
 - b You can't be serious! Lucky you!
 - c You must be joking! Lucky you!



2 Work in pairs. Roleplay the conversation in Exercise 1. Take turns in each role. Respond to responses as if they were questions.

A: *Guess what? I got that job I applied for!*

B: *You must be so excited!*

A: *Yeah, I'm really pleased.*