

GRAMMAR**Modal verbs for speculation**

*It **must** be cold outside. People are in jackets.*

*That **can't** be our tent. It's the wrong colour.*

*It **could/may/might** be difficult to travel with the suitcase because it's very big.*

1 ● Complete the sentences with **must** or **can't**.

- 1 That tent's tiny! It **can't** be big enough for eight people!
- 2 Look, that _____ be our hotel over there – I recognise it from the website.
- 3 The boat trips are very popular, so they _____ be good!
- 4 Everyone's swimming in the sea, so the water _____ be too cold.
- 5 The food in that restaurant looks amazing, so it _____ be expensive!
- 6 That _____ be our bus – our bus isn't due until 10:30 and it's only ten o'clock.

3 ● ● Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Look, that boy's standing up in the pool – it _____ be very deep.
a may **b** can't c must
- 2 I guess this _____ be Jack's umbrella, but I'm really not sure.
a must b can't c could
- 3 There are hundreds of people on the beach. It _____ be a very popular one!
a must b might c can't
- 4 I'm not sure if the gym is open now – it _____ be closed.
a can't b may c must
- 5 Camping _____ be fun in the rain – I guess everything gets really wet!
a must b can't c could
- 6 I don't know where he's from. I guess he _____ be French. Or maybe he's Spanish.
a might b must c can't

4  Complete the dialogue. Choose the correct option.

A: Have you seen this website about an activity camp?

B: Yeah, it looks good. It ¹*might be* / *can't be* fun to go on a holiday like this next summer. What do you think?

A: I agree. Do you think it costs a lot?

B: No, it ²*must be* / *can't be* expensive because it's for young people and they haven't got much money.

A: That's true. What activities can you do?

B: Well, there's climbing. I don't know if I want to do that. I think it ³*can't be* / *must be* scary being up so high.

A: Yes, you ⁴*may be* / *can't be* right about that, but the other activities look really good fun.

B: Yeah, I love kayaking. Do you think Abbie ⁵*must be* / *might be* interested in coming too? Should we ask her?

A: That's a good idea. I think it's definitely better to go with friends. It ⁶*could be* / *can't be* lonely if you go on your own and you don't know anyone.