

Name: _____

6B GRAMMAR modals of deduction: *might / may, can't, must*

a Circle the correct verb.

- A Don't look now but isn't that Jane Marshall over there?
B Where?
A At that table by the window.
B No, it 'must / can't be. She went to live in Chicago.
A But I'm sure it's Jane.
B Mmm, I suppose it 'can't / **might** be her. But if it is, she looks much thinner than she used to.
A Well it 'must / **can't** be five years since we last saw her. Someone can change a lot in five years!
B You're right, it is Jane. But who do you think the man is? He 'can't / **might not** be her husband, can he?
A No, he 'can't / **might not** be. They broke up years ago and haven't spoken to each other since.
B It 'can / **may** be her new boyfriend – or her son!
A Shall we go over and find out?



b Complete the dialogues with *must, might, might not, or can't*.

- 1 A That's the second laptop that Jack's bought this year.
B He must have a lot of money then!
A He's a student so he _____ be that rich.
B He _____ have generous parents then.
- 2 A Do you know where Charlie is?
B Well, he _____ be far away. His phone's on the table.
A Any idea where he _____ be?
B He _____ be talking to the boss or he _____ be in the photocopying room. Do you want me to go and look for him?
- 3 A I have a missed call and I don't recognize the number.
B So, it _____ be from anyone you know.
A Ah, I know! It's that company who interviewed me last week. They _____ be ringing to offer me the job. I'm not surprised: I did a really good interview.
B Well, don't be too confident because they _____ be calling to say you didn't get the job.
A There's only one way to find out!
- 4 A This steak _____ be for me. It looks like it's medium-rare, and I asked for a well-done steak.
B It _____ be mine, then. I ordered a medium-rare steak.

