

Read the exam strategy. Then read the sentences (1–4) and choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D).

- 1 The danger ____ be over – the firemen have just told us that we can return home.
A can't B must C will D won't
- 2 She ____ be serious about moving to Iceland! What on earth will she do there?
A must B shouldn't C may not D can't
- 3 Our new town hall ____ win the Eco-Build award, but it isn't a sure thing.
A will B might C must D can't
- 4 There ____ be a storm coming. Look how dark the sky is!
A will B can C must D would

1 Choose the correct modal verb to complete the sentences (1–8).

- 1 Up to 20 people *could/will* still be inside the building that collapsed.
- 2 The zoo has been alerted that activists *might/should* try to steal the panda.
- 3 This package *can't/mustn't* be for me! It's dog food and I haven't even got a dog.
- 4 We *may/must* go to Brazil for the summer holidays, but we haven't decided yet.
- 5 It *may/must* be very cold outside. The thermometer shows 15 degrees below zero.
- 6 *Could/Must* that woman over there be the actress we saw in that disaster film?
- 7 The river *might/can* flood during the night, so we are moving our things upstairs.
- 8 Jacob *won't/can't* be working this evening. His restaurant is closed due to the storm.

2 Match the questions (1–5) to the answers (a–e).

- 1 Are you going to Mark's party next weekend?
 - 2 Is your brother going to university?
 - 3 Shall we go out for a meal tonight?
 - 4 Did the class work hard before their exams?
 - 5 Are you planning to go away this year?
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- a Yes, I think they could all do really well.
 - b I'm not sure. I might have to go to my cousin's birthday party on Saturday.
 - c Yes, but he may have a year off before he goes.
 - d Possibly – I may go to Russia in the spring.
 - e Sure. We can go to that new Chinese restaurant if you like.

Choose the correct answer (a or b).

- 1 You haven't eaten all day.
a You must be hungry.
b You can't be hungry.
- 2 You've passed all your exams.
a You must be happy.
b You can't be happy.
- 3 The library is closed today.
a They must be in the library.
b They can't be in the library.
- 4 There's a light on in Jack's house.
a He must be at home.
b He can't be at home.
- 5 You've already had six glasses of water, and you want more.
a You must be thirsty.
b You can't be thirsty.
- 6 Mr Brown went home hours ago.
a He must be in his office.
b He can't be in his office.

Fill in the gaps (1–10) with the correct modal verbs. Use *may, may not, might, might not, could, must or can't*.

Alice Look at this picture. What are these people celebrating?

John It ¹_____ be a birthday party – look at the cake. They ²_____ all be members of the same family, but they're not people who have just met. They ³_____ know each other well. The girl on the left looks very much like the woman on the right. She ⁴_____ be her daughter.

Alice Yes, you're right. And this man who is blowing the candles out ⁵_____ be her father.

John No, he ⁶_____ be her father, he's far too old. He ⁷_____ be her grandfather. And look at the woman standing behind the old man. She ⁸_____ love him very much; she is looking at him so fondly.

Alice Yes. You're right. And this young couple – they ⁹_____ like this old man very much. They look like they're being so supportive!

John Yes, and they ¹⁰_____ stay in touch and visit him quite often. I'm sure they do!

Complete the sentences (1–6) with the modal verbs *must*, *can't* and *might* and the verbs from the box.

be (x2) have like live not know

- 1 The woman next door _____ ten years older than her husband. I don't think a big age gap is a problem, though.
- 2 They _____ grandchildren. They're too young.
- 3 The woman I saw at the party _____ near me. I think I've seen her in my street.
- 4 Sonia's parents _____ that she's seeing a boy from her class, so don't say anything about him.
- 5 Look at that couple kissing! They _____ in love.
- 6 Paul hardly ever joins in when we talk about Kate's new boyfriend. He _____ gossiping!