

1 GRAMMAR modals of deduction

a Circle the correct words.



1 That man can't / must be the new boss. Our new boss is a woman.



2 You must / can't be really tired. You've had a long trip.



3 I'm not sure what book to buy Oliver. He might not / mustn't like the same kind of things as me.



4 Paula can't / could be injured. She isn't running very well at all today. She's very slow.



5 Your neighbour must / might not have a good job. He has a very expensive car.



6 Luke and Molly must / can't have much money. They never go out.

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

- 1 He lived in Argentina for five years, so he must speak good Spanish!
- 2 You _____ be very busy at work. You're always on Facebook!
- 3 I'm not sure, but the new assistant _____ be Italian. Her surname is Rossi.
- 4 Mark passed all his exams. His parents _____ be very proud.
- 5 **A** I think England will win tonight.
B You _____ be serious! They have no chance!
- 6 Lucy wasn't feeling well this afternoon, so she _____ come to the party tonight. She said she'd let us know later today.
- 7 I thought our neighbour was away on holiday, but she _____ be – I've just seen her in her garden.
- 8 It's very cold and cloudy this evening. I think it _____ snow.

c Rewrite the highlighted sentences. Use *might (not)*, *can't*, or *must*.

- 1 They've been knocked out of the tournament. **I'm sure they're disappointed.**
They must be disappointed.
- 2 Emily's late. **It's possible that she has a meeting.**
She _____.
- 3 It's 8.30 and Tom's still in bed. **I'm sure he isn't going to work today.**
He _____.
- 4 Don't buy that jumper for Ruth. **It's possible that she won't like it.**
She _____.
- 5 We've only walked three kilometres. **I'm sure you aren't tired already.**
You _____.
- 6 Susie's been studying all night. **I'm sure she has an exam tomorrow.**
She _____.
- 7 We've been waiting ages for the lift. **It's possible that it isn't working.**
It _____.
- 8 My brother isn't answering his phone. **It's possible that he's driving home from work.**
He _____.