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6.4 Modal verbs for speculation: *must, could, might/may, can't*

1 Circle the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 0 Tom's walked a really long way today. He **must** / **might** / **can't** be tired.
- 1 Take an umbrella with you because it **may** / **can't** / **must** rain later.
- 2 Ben always gets 100% in his Maths tests. He **can't** / **could** / **must** be clever.
- 3 The phone's ringing. It **must** / **can't** / **might** be Mum, because she never rings when she's at work.
- 4 I'm not sure what's in this cake. It **could** / **must** / **can't** be coconut.
- 5 There's someone at the door. It **can't** / **might** / **must** be Alan.
I'm expecting him to arrive now.
- 6 I'm going to buy this book. I think it **must** / **may** / **can't** help with my school project.
- 7 Jack said he's at home tonight. That **must** / **may** / **can't** be true.
I've just seen him in town!
- 8 Tom's planning to buy a skateboard, a phone and a laptop.
He **must** / **might** / **can't** have a lot of money.

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2 Use the words in the boxes to complete the second sentence.

It should mean the same as the first.

~~must be~~ could be might be can't be

0 I'm sure Dad's tired. He's been at work all day.

Dad must be tired. He's been at work all day.

1 I'm not sure but it looks like snow falling outside.

It _____ snow falling outside.

2 Karl isn't asleep – he's singing upstairs in his room.

Karl _____ asleep. He's singing upstairs in his room!

3 I don't know who's in this photo – maybe Ted's family?

It _____ Ted's family in the photo.

must be can't be might be must be

4 This looks like my book, but it hasn't got my name in it.

This _____ my book as it hasn't got my name in it.

5 I'm sure my bag's on the table. I left it there!

My bag _____ on the table – I left it there!

6 Who's the person with Billy? Perhaps it's his sister.

The person with Billy _____ his sister.

7 I'm sure this is where Dan lives – 20 Main Street.

This _____ where Dan lives – 20 Main Street.

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