Modals of Probability

Grammar Reference

Must + verb: використовуємо, коли ми впевнені, що щось є правдою (high certainty).

Might / Could + verb: використовуємо, коли ми думаємо, що щось можливо (possibility).

Can't + verb: використовуємо, коли ми впевнені, що щось неможливо (NOT mustn't)

Task 1. Choose the correct modal verb

1. A fire worm looks pretty, but it might / can't bite you if you disturb it.

2. Look at that animal. It has a sweet face, but it could / can't be a golden poison dart frog – those are only found in South America.

3. Experts say that octopuses must / can't be trained to perform tricks because they are very intelligent.

4. That bird is huge! It might / must be an eagle; look at its amazing wings.

5. I'm not sure where my science book is. It could / must be at school.

6. He looks very confused. He must / can't understand the homework.

Task 2: Match the certainty

• Definitely (Впевнений на 100%)   She might come later.

• Possibly / Probably (Можливо)   He can't be serious.

• Maybe (Можливо, але не впевнений)   They could be lost.

• Definitely not (Впевнений, що ні)   He must be at home.

Task 3: Fill in the gaps (Must, Might, Could, Can't)

1. Look at the sky! It _____ rain today.

2. Everyone is wearing hats and coats. It _____ be very cold outside.

3. It looks like a dog, but it lives in the forest and howls. It _____ be a wolf.

4. That animal _____ be a fox. It's the size of a small horse!

5. I heard a noise. It _____ be the cat, but I'm not sure.

6. You've been working all day. You _____ be exhausted.