

Modal verbs (1); levels of certainty about the future **GRAMMAR 6.2**

- 2** Are sentences 1–8 correct? Change the incorrect sentences.

'I'll get

- 1 I shouldn't think she gets the job.
- 2 They are bound preferring Emma.
- 3 I don't suppose they will come.
- 4 I doubt if Steve won't apply for the job.
- 5 She's unlikely having another interview.
- 6 They may well want to talk to us.
- 7 I can't imagine they choose her for the job.
- 8 They are sure to come late.

- 3** Complete the conversations with the words/phrases in the boxes.



A

will bound to doubt may well unlikely

- ERIN Do you think Jess ¹ will get the job?
 LIZ Oh, she's ² _____. Everyone thinks she's wonderful!
 ERIN But she ³ _____ decide not to apply for it.
 LIZ I ⁴ _____ that, myself. She's quite ambitious.
 ERIN Yes, you're right. She's ⁵ _____ to be happy earning this salary for very long!

B

couldn't dare say can't imagine

- AL I ⁶ _____ they'll stop paying overtime, surely?
 OLIVE They might. I ⁷ _____ there's a lot of pressure on them to save money at the moment.
 AL I know. Even so, they ⁸ _____ do that without lots of people being very angry.
 OLIVE Well, we'll soon find out!

- 4** Complete these sentences about the future, using the words in brackets.

- 1 Take your coat. It's bound to rain if you don't. Look at those clouds! (bound/rain)
- 2 Don't worry if you forget her birthday.
I _____ (not/suppose/she/mind)
- 3 I don't think we should wait for him.
I _____ this late. (doubt/he/arrive)
- 4 We don't need to pack many clothes.
I _____ at this time of year. (can't imagine/it/be/cold)
- 5 Give him a ring. He's _____ about it if we don't. (likely/forget)

- 5 a** Write sentences with these words.

- 1 Matt / bound / ask Charlotte out soon.
Matt is bound to ask Charlotte out soon.
- 2 I / not imagine / what / happen / in the next episode of *High Street*.

- 3 I / not suppose / Bruce / get back / from lunch before two.

- 4 It's unlikely / Ellie / invite us to her party now.

- 5 I dare say / Jamie / be / play / computer games again, as usual.

- b** Match sentences 1–5 in **5a** with replies a–e.

- a _____ You never know, she might, but we're not too popular at the moment.
- b _____ He may well be. He certainly seems to be busy with something.
- c _____ Actually, I know. I'll tell you, if you want.
- d _____ I doubt it. He usually takes at least an hour, especially if he's meeting Laura.
- e _____ He may, but I don't think for one second she'll say yes.