

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

1 Choose 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 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using *must*, *can't* or *might/may/could*.

- 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.
- 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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