

## Modals of probability No.3

**Exercise 1.** Complete the sentences with the correct word. Write letters A, B, C or D in the gap left.

- As we already represent three major brands, Siemens probably \_\_\_\_ offer us an exclusive contract.  
A won't    B will    C must    D can't
- I can't believe there are so many complaints about our new range of biscuits. There \_\_\_\_ be something wrong with one of the ingredients.  
A must    B should    C can    D might
- I'm worried that if we don't meet the deadline, we \_\_\_\_ lose this client.  
A can    B are likely    C will    D won't
- They haven't done any market research, so these figures \_\_\_\_ be accurate.  
A mustn't    B might    C can't    D must
- Sales \_\_\_\_ very likely to continue to rise till the summer.  
A should    B are    C will    D ought to
- The deluxe model \_\_\_\_ not be as successful this year as it was last year.  
A ought    B might    C must    D can
- They \_\_\_\_ be doing well because they have just closed down two of their subsidiaries.  
A mustn't    B shouldn't    C can't    D might not
- Unfortunately, our competitors \_\_\_\_ most probably launch a similar model at about the same time.  
A must    B will    C should    D may
- We can't make a firm prediction at this stage, but we \_\_\_\_ be able to get the new model out in time for the spring trade fair.  
A won't    B shouldn't    C might not    D can't
- There is no doubt about it any more. The planning authority \_\_\_\_ agree to our request.  
A won't definitely    B is likely to    C probably will    D definitely won't

**Exercise 2.** Complete the sentences with **CAN, CAN'T, MIGHT, WILL, WON'T** or **MUST** and an infinitive in the appropriate form of the verbs given brackets.

- Kerry's rather late. She \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the train.
- Don't phone her now. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the middle of the night in Australia.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) house yet. I saw them in town this morning.
- That woman's just fallen over. Let's go and see her: she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) hurt.
- The encyclopedias \_\_\_\_\_ (be found) on the second floor of the library.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) and visit you at the weekend. Anyway, I'll give you a ring to let you know.
- They're not answering the phone so they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) out.
- These glasses \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Tim's: they look a bit like his.
- Some airlines definitely \_\_\_\_\_ (not lower) their prices because their revenue is falling.
- That looks like Jack but it \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) him. He went to live in Australia last year.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (join) the sports club in the summer but I haven't decided yet.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ (not rain): the ground's completely dry.

***Exercise 3. Using the words in italics, rewrite the sentences so that they mean the same.***

1. They are very unlikely to agree to a discount of over 5%. *almost certainly*

They \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I think you'll win this contract. *probably*

You \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Perhaps demand for more environment-friendly products will go up. *could*

Demand \_\_\_\_\_.

4. You probably won't get a refund if you've taken the engine apart. *unlikely*

You \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I don't think that our market share will increase. *definitely*

Our market share \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The deal will probably be signed before the end of the year. *likely*

The deal \_\_\_\_\_.