



VI.

Practice

A. Complete the conversations with **must**, **mustn't**, **might**, **might not** or **can't** / **couldn't** and the expressions from the box.

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be at a meeting
be in

like green
be joking

be rich
like doing sports

be happy
like nuts

1. A: Have you noticed that Professor Adams wears something green every day?
B: I know. He **like green**.
2. A: Ed just bought his wife a diamond necklace with matching earrings.
B: That's expensive! He
3. A: Who are you calling?
B: Dick. The phone is ringing, but there's no answer.
A: He
4. A: Where's Ms. Adams? She's not in her office.
B: I don't know. She
5. A: I offered Jim some nuts, but he refused them. I offered him a candy, and he accepted.
B: He
6. A: She failed her exam again!
B: She
7. A: Can you give me 1000 dollars?
B: You
8. A: He doesn't look very fit.
B: He

B. Circle the correct forms to complete the conversation.

- A: What **may** / **will** you do this summer?
B: I'm not sure yet. I **may** / **will** go to summer school. And you? What **could** / **will** you do?
A: I **maybe** / **may** go to South America. I've been saving my money for a trip, but I **might not** / **couldn't** have enough money to go. If I don't go to South America, I **might** / **must** visit some friends in Florida for a couple of weeks... What about tonight? **Might you go** / **Are you going** to Josh's party?
B: Yes, I'm looking forward to it. Do you know what time it **could start** / **'s starting**?
A: I'm not sure. **Maybe** / **May be** it starts at 6.00.
B: That **couldn't** / **might not be**. Josh has a meeting at 6.00. I'll go at 8.00.
A: I **mayn't** / **may not** have my car tonight. Could I get a ride with you?

C. Read the first sentence(s) in each set. Then circle the letter of the information that completes the sentence.

1. "There's the doorbell. That has to be Joan. She promised to be here by 7:30, and she's always on time."

The speaker is

- a. expressing a possibility
- b. expressing necessity
- c. expressing a certainty

2. "It's almost midnight. Who could be calling at this hour?"

The speaker who's on the phone.

- a. thinks he knows
- b. doesn't know
- c. isn't sure

3. "Bobby has just eaten a cheeseburger, and now he's ordering another one. He must be really hungry!"

The speaker is.....

- a. expressing a certainty
- b. expressing a possibility
- c. making a negative assumption

4. "You couldn't still be hungry. You've just eaten two huge plates of spaghetti!"

The speaker is sure that the other person isn't hungry anymore.

- a. not at all
- b. almost 100 percent
- c. rather

5. "I'm surprised John isn't home yet. He may be working late tonight"

The speaker is.....

- a. expressing a possibility
- b. expressing a certainty
- c. making a negative assumption

6. "Terry and Wendy might not have heard the news."

The speaker is that Terry and Wendy haven't heard the news.

- a. certain
- b. almost certain
- c. isn't certain

7. "The boss has been yelling at people all morning. He has to be in a really bad mood."

The speaker is

- a. expressing a necessity.
- b. expressing a certainty
- c. expressing a possibility