MODALS OF PROBABILITY

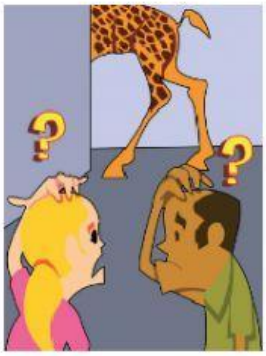
1 Complete the conversation with *might, must, can't* or *could*.

A: What's that? Oh, I know, it [1] _____ be a big cat.

B: Mm, I don't think so. It [2] _____ be an elephant because it's too small.

A: Right, but it's an African animal. It [3] _____ be a rhino but it's the wrong colour.

B: I know! It [4] _____ be a giraffe – look at its skin!



2 Choose the correct answer.

1 I _____ watch a programme about animals tonight.
a might **b** can't

2 That _____ be the longest snake I've ever seen!
a can't **b** must

3 Phil _____ be ill because he isn't at school today.
a might **b** can't

4 It _____ be a parrot. It's the wrong colour!
a can't **b** must

5 I know you've lost your book. _____ this be it?
a Can't **b** Could

6 You _____ be really excited – you have tickets for your favourite band!
a must **b** could

7 Taylor _____ call me later, but she's not sure.
a must **b** might

8 I'm tired. It _____ be time for bed.
a must **b** can't

3 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

1 I think it _____ rain today – look at the sky.

2 This _____ be for me – I don't like nature magazines.

3 You _____ be really happy with your new pet dog!

4 That animal _____ bite you – watch out!

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

6 Everyone's wearing hats and coats. It _____ be very cold.

7 I can't find my books, but they _____ be at school.

8 It _____ be a fox. It's the size of a small horse!

4 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

A: What are you reading? And what is that?
B: It's an amazing animal. It [1] _____ be very clever to do the things it does.
A: Right! It [2] _____ be from Europe! Look at those trees and the background!
B: No, I think it [3] _____ be from South America somewhere. I haven't finished reading it yet!
A: Well, I [4] _____ do my 'wonderful animals' project about this! Can I have the magazine?

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