

1 Circle the correct modal and verb form. Use the information in brackets to help you.

- 1 Alana *couldn't have bought / may have bought* tickets to Ecuador last week. She asked me about ticket prices. (guessing)
- 2 Ahmed *must be / could be* from Oman. I saw his passport earlier. (the only logical conclusion)
- 3 I *might have lost / must have lost* my passport on the way home from work. It was in my pocket when I left work, and then it wasn't there when I got home. (the only logical conclusion)
- 4 Jan's new company *might send / must send* her to Dubai next week. They do a lot of international business, and she thinks a large meeting is happening in the next ten days. (guessing)
- 5 My new smartphone *can't be / must be* from Tahiti. There isn't a big smartphone industry there. (impossible)
- 6 Luis *may have lived / must have lived* in South Korea for a while. He speaks fluent Korean, and I saw a Korean company on his CV. (the only logical conclusion)

2 Look again at Exercise 1. How would the meaning of each sentence change if the other modal and verb form was used?

3 Complete the statements with modals of present and past probability. Use the given verbs and the clues in brackets to help you. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 These fruit and vegetables _____ (be) grown locally – I bought them at the farm shop. (present – logical conclusion)
- 2 Your phone _____ (be) made overseas and exported to be sold in other countries. (past – logical conclusion)
- 3 Your lunch _____ (contain) only food products that were produced in this country. (present – guess)
- 4 Fifty years ago, goods that were produced locally _____ (be) cheaper than goods that were produced overseas. (past – guess)
- 5 This film _____ (be) based on an older British film. The writer said it was American! (past – impossible)

4 Discuss these questions with a partner. Use the structures *could be* / *may be* / *must be* or *could have* / *may have* / *must have* in your answers.

- 1 Where do you think the clothes you are wearing today were made?
- 2 Think about the kind of car you would like to buy. Where do you think it was made? What other countries buy that car?
- 3 Do you have friends from other countries? Where are they from? What other countries have they visited or lived in?