

# MODALS OF DEDUCTION

## 1. Match the modal verb with their meaning:

1. He must be a police officer
  2. He might / could / may be a police officer
  3. He can't be a police officer
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- a. I'm certain he is not a police officer
  - b. I think it's possible he's a police officer
  - c. I'm certain he is a police officer

## 2. Match sentences 1-6 with a-f

1. She speaks French and has a French Passport.
  2. She used to live in Paris.
  3. Joanne hasn't got a dog. In fact, she hates dogs.
  4. I think Sheila's got a dog, but I'm not sure.
  5. I think I recognise him from a film I saw last week.
  6. He was in that new film we saw last week!
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- a. That can't be Joanne's dog.
  - b. He must be an actor.
  - c. She might be French.
  - d. He could be an actor.
  - e. She must be French.
  - f. That may be Sheila's dog.

## 3. Choose the correct word:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ be guilty. He wasn't in the country when the robbery happened.
2. There \_\_\_\_\_ be a dog in the bag. It's barking!
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ be from the USA. He speaks English with an American accent.
4. Ask John. If you're lucky, he \_\_\_\_\_ know the Answer.
5. You liked the film? You \_\_\_\_\_ be serious - it was terrible!

4. Look at the picture. Complete the sentences with **might** , **must** or **can't**.



- a. The smartphone \_\_\_\_\_ be Jane's. Hers is red.
- b. The sunglasses \_\_\_\_\_ be John's. Jane never wears them.
- c. The money \_\_\_\_\_ be John's, but it \_\_\_\_\_ be Peter's too.
- d. The camera \_\_\_\_\_ be John's. He hasn't got one.
- e. The tablet \_\_\_\_\_ be John's or it \_\_\_\_\_ be Jane's. They've both got one.
- f. The necklace \_\_\_\_\_ be Jane's. It's identical to hers!

5. Choose the correct verb:

JACK: Look! That's Vince Vogue, The actor from *Crime Squad* on TV.

PETER: No, it \_\_\_\_\_ be him!

JACK: Why not? He \_\_\_\_\_ live near here.

PETER: No way! Vince Vogue lives in California.

JACK: Well, he \_\_\_\_\_ be here, filming.

PETER: He \_\_\_\_\_ be Vince. He's wearing glasses!

JACK: He \_\_\_\_\_ wear glasses in real life. Hey, look, he's coming this way. Are you Vince Vogue, the actor?

VINCE: Yes, I am. You \_\_\_\_\_ watch *Crime Squad*.

6. Complete the sentences with **can't be** or **must be**

He's got an unusual accent. He **must** be foreign.

- 1. He's had three car accidents this year so he \_\_\_\_\_ be a good driver.

2. He's just broken that car window. He \_\_\_\_\_ a thief.
3. She always says horrible things about her friends, so she \_\_\_\_\_ a nice person.
4. Somebody stole his passport, so he \_\_\_\_\_ at the police station now.
5. This dictionary has my name on it, so it \_\_\_\_\_ yours.

7. Write sentences with must, can't or might.

This thing isn't moving. I'm certain it's dead. It must be dead

1. It's only got six legs. I'm certain it's not a spider. \_\_\_\_\_
2. It's very small. It's definitely an insect. \_\_\_\_\_
3. It hasn't got any wings. it's definitely not a fly. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Not all insects have wings. It's possibly an ant. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Choose the correct verb:

1. The sitting room window is broken . It \_\_\_\_\_ be a thief i there.
2. They found the money and jewellery in his pockets. He \_\_\_\_\_ be the thief.
3. Her face is very red. She \_\_\_\_\_ be hot.
4. Don't try to catch the thief because he \_\_\_\_\_ have a knife
5. Ask Andrew because he \_\_\_\_\_ know the answer.
6. The cat hasn't' eaten for days, so I think it \_\_\_\_\_ be ill.