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

        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!

        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.