6B GRAMMAR modals of deduction: *might / may, can't, must*

a Circle the correct verb.

A Don't look now but isn't that Jane Marshall over there?

B Where?

A At that table by the window.

B No, it ¹ı _____ be. She went to live in Chicago.

A But I'm sure it's Jane.

B Mmm, I suppose it ² _____ be her. But if it is, she looks much thinner than she used to.

A Well it ³ _____ be five years since we last saw her. Someone can change a lot in five years!

B You're right, it is Jane. But who do you think the man is? He ⁴ _____ be her husband, can he?

A No, he ⁵ _____ be. They broke up years ago and haven't spoken to each other since.

B He ⁶ı _____ be her new boyfriend – or her son!

A Should we go over and find out?

b Complete the dialogues with *must, might, might not,* or *can't*.

1 **A** That's the second laptop that Jack's bought this year.

  B He ___*must*___ have a lot of money then!

  A He's a student so he _____ be that rich.

  B He _____ have generous parents then.

2 **A** Do you know where Charlie is?

  B Well, he _____ be far away. His phone's on the table.

  A Any idea where he _____ be?

  B He _____ be talking to the boss or he _____ be in the photocopying room. Do you want me to look for him?

3 **A** I have a missed call and I don't recognize the number.

  B So, it _____ be from anyone you know.

  A Ah, I know! It's that company who interviewed me last week. They _____ be calling to offer me the job. I'm not surprised: I had a really good interview.

  B Well, don't be too confident because they _____ be calling to say you didn't get the job.

  A There's only one way to find out!

4 **A** This steak _____ be for me. It looks like it's medium-rare, and I asked for a well-done steak.

  B It _____ be mine, then. I ordered a medium-rare steak.

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c Cover the dialogues in **b**. Look at the pictures and try to remember the dialogues.