

UNIT 6: MODAL VERBS OF SPECULATION



I can speculate about the present.

WRITE MUST OR
CAN'T

1 Complete the sentences with *must* or *can't*.

- 1 That tent's tiny! It can't be big enough for eight people!
- 2 Look, that _____ be our hotel over there – I recognise it from the website.
- 3 The boat trips are very popular, so they _____ be good!
- 4 Everyone's swimming in the sea, so the water _____ be too cold.
- 5 The food in that restaurant looks amazing, so it _____ be expensive!
- 6 That _____ be our bus – our bus isn't due until 10.30, and it's only ten o'clock.

ONLY WRITE THE
LETTER THAT YOU
CHOOSE

2 Choose the correct conclusion for each sentence.

- 1 Tom's gone home early.
☒ a He might be ill.
b He can't be ill.
- 2 I'm not sure where my phone is.
a It must be in my bag.
b It may be in my bag.
- 3 Carrie's shoes are black, but these ones are brown.
a These could be Carrie's shoes.
b These can't be Carrie's shoes.
- 4 I don't know where the museum is.
a It might be near the station.
b It can't be near the station.
- 5 Everyone's wearing T-shirts.
a It must be hot.
b It can't be hot.
- 6 I don't know what the museum's like. The guidebook doesn't mention it.
a It might be interesting. b It must be interesting.

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3 ●●● Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Look, that boy's standing up in the pool - it _____ be very deep.
a may **b) can't** c must
- 2 I guess this _____ be Jack's umbrella, but I'm not sure.
a must b can't c could
- 3 There are hundreds of deckchairs on the beach. It _____ be a very popular beach!
a must b might c can't
- 4 I'm not sure if the gym is open now - it _____ be closed.
a can't b may c must
- 5 Camping _____ be fun in the rain - I guess everything gets horrible and wet!
a must b can't c could
- 6 I don't know where he's from. I guess he _____ be French. Or maybe Spanish.
a might b must c can't

WRITE THE CORRECT
PHRASE IN THE
DIALOGUE

4 ●●● Complete the dialogue. Choose the correct option from the pairs of phrases below.

can't be expensive / must be expensive
~~can't be fun~~ / **might be fun**
can't be lonely / could be lonely
can't be right / may be right
might be interested / must be interested
must be scary / can't be scary

- A: Have you seen this brochure for an activity camp?
- B: Yeah, it looks good. It ¹ **might be fun** to go on a holiday like this next summer. What do you think?
- A: I agree. Do you think it costs a lot?
- B: No, it ² _____ because it's for young people and they don't have much money.
- A: That's true. What activities can you do?
- B: Well, there's climbing. I don't know if I want to do that. I think it ³ _____ being up so high.
- A: Yes, you ⁴ _____ about that, but the other activities look really good fun.
- B: Yeah, I love canoeing. Do you think Abbie ⁵ _____ in coming too? Should we ask her?
- A: That's a good idea. I think it's definitely better to go with friends. It ⁶ _____ if you go on your own and you don't know anyone.

