

## Grammar 3B

### Modals of deduction

Complete the conversation with the modals in the box.  
Use each modal at least once.

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| can't    could    may    might    must |
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A: Who's that in Mr Doyle's garden?

B: I can't see anybody. You (1) \_\_\_\_\_ be imagining things!

A: Look! There. It's strange because Mr Doyle's on holiday.

B: Well, it (2) \_\_\_\_\_ be one of his children.  
I think I've met them all.

A: Do you think it (3) \_\_\_\_\_ be a friend of his?  
Maybe he's asked a friend to water his plants.

B: I suppose it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ be a friend of his,  
but I don't think it is. I've never seen him before.  
But then I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ possibly know who all  
his friends are!

A: Or he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ have a gardener. It's a big  
garden – maybe he decided to get some help.

B: No, it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ be a gardener. Gardening  
is Mr Doyle's favourite hobby. He'd never let someone  
else do the work.

A: Well, in that case there's only one possibility left.  
It (8) \_\_\_\_\_ be an intruder. We should call  
the police.

B: You're right. Let's call them.