

A Choosing a present

Complete this conversation with *must* or *can't* and one of the verbs from the box.

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ANDY I need some money. There *must be*⁰ a bank round here somewhere.

MAX Yes, round that corner, I think. What do you want the money for?

ANDY To buy one of those new mobile phones for Kate.

MAX They¹ a fortune! I've never bought Maria anything like that.

ANDY Well, you² her very much then.

MAX You³ that money can buy people.

ANDY Well, it can!

MAX You⁴ that seriously.

ANDY No, not really. But Kate's very attractive. She⁵ plenty of admirers and I don't want to lose her.

MAX But you told me that she wanted to marry you so she⁶ interested in other men.

ANDY That's true. Perhaps I should buy her a ring instead and make it definite.

B But have you thought about ...?

In these short dialogues, the second person mentions something that the first person has not considered. Use *may* or *may not* and one of the verbs from the box to complete the sentences.

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KIM We're going to give our visitors fish for lunch.

SAM They *may not like* ⁰ fish. They *may prefer* ⁰ meat.

RUTH Our plan is to take our guests for a long walk as soon as they get here.

BEN They ¹ to rest after their journey. In any case, they ² walking shoes with them.

LEO I'm going to ask my uncle to give me a ride on his motorbike.

ANNE He ³ on his motorbike. He ⁴ to come by car.

LUKE I'm going to wait for our guests to arrive.

NAOMI They ⁵ here until this afternoon. There ⁶ a lot of traffic today.

C What to do, where to go

Holly and Adam have just got married and have gone on their honeymoon. A friend talks to Holly's mother about their plans for the future. Rewrite the parts in brackets using *must*, *can't* or *may/might*.

FRIEND Just married and on their honeymoon. *They must be* ⁰ (I'm sure they're) very happy. Where are they going to live after they come back?

MOTHER *They may stay* ⁰ (Perhaps they'll stay) with us for a while.

FRIEND What about work?

MOTHER They ¹ (Maybe they'll go) abroad for a year.

FRIEND So Holly ² (I assume that Holly's not) very interested in the job she's got. I thought she enjoyed her work.

MOTHER She does, but they both have one of those temporary contracts, and the company ³ (perhaps the company won't renew) them.

FRIEND Yes, that's always a possibility.

MOTHER Or they ⁴ (maybe they'll take) a postgraduate course.

FRIEND Would they get a grant?

MOTHER No, I don't think so but they've both worked for a couple of years so they ⁵ (I'm sure they have) some savings.

FRIEND But Adam's father has his own business, doesn't he? He ⁶ (Maybe he'll find) work for them.

MOTHER I'm not sure. Holly quite likes Adam's father but she ⁷ (perhaps she won't want) to work for him.

FRIEND You see. It's not easy to work for in-laws and it ⁸ (I'm sure it isn't) easy to live with them, either.

MOTHER All right. I see your point.



Find a word in exercise C that means 'some money from the government to pay for their education'.

WORD
FOCUS

LIVE **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

C. Make sentences using **must** or **can't** as in the example.

1. This is the third time this week that Mary's ordering Chinese.

She / love / Chinese food



3. Paul doesn't like cats.

He / have / pet cat



5. Tina has taken two painkillers.

She / have / terrible headache



6. Harry's father is Spanish.

He / speak / Spanish / fluently

Somebody is asking you about your plans. You have some ideas, but you are not sure. Choose from the list and write sentences with I might.

fish go away Italy Monday a new car taxi

- 1 Where are you going for your holidays?
- 2 What are you doing at the weekend?
- 3 When will you see Kate again?
- 4 What are you going to have for dinner?
- 5 How are you going to get home tonight?
- 6 I hear you won some money. What are you going to do with it?

I'm not sure. *I might go to Italy.*
I don't know. I
I'm not sure.
I don't know.
I'm not sure.
I haven't decided yet.

You ask Bill questions about his plans for tomorrow. Sometimes he is sure, but usually he is not sure.

- 1 Are you playing tennis tomorrow?
- 2 Are you going out tomorrow evening?
- 3 Are you going to get up early?
- 4 Are you working tomorrow?
- 5 Will you be at home tomorrow morning?
- 6 Are you going to watch television?
- 7 Are you going out in the afternoon?
- 8 Are you going shopping?

Yes, in the afternoon.
Possibly.
Perhaps.
No, I'm not.
Maybe.
I might.
Yes, I am.
Perhaps.

