# 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 ¹**must** / **can't** be. She went to live in Chicago.

**A** But I'm sure it's Jane.

**B** Mmm, I suppose it ²**can't** / **might** be her. But if it is, she looks much thinner than she used to.

**A** Well it ³**must** / **can't** 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**can't** / **might not** be her husband, can he?

**A** No, he ⁵**can't** / **might not** be. They broke up years ago and haven't spoken to each other since.

**B** It ⁶**can** / **may** be her new boyfriend – or her son!

**A** Shall 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 go and 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 ringing to offer me the job. I'm not surprised: I did 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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