Name:_____

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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