

Making hypothesis and deductions

Speakers A and B are making hypothesis about what's going on across the street. Complete their conversation with *must*, *might*, *may*, *could*, or *can't* and the verb in parenthesis in the correct form.

💡 How certain are the speakers about the issue?

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.