

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- That statue is enormous. It **must** / *may* be very heavy.
- I love this painting. It *might* / *can't* be my favourite.
- This *can* / *could* be the most bizarre photograph I've ever seen.
- You've been doing sport all day. You *could* / *must* be exhausted.
- I *mustn't* / *can't* be the only person that hates art.
- The gallery is losing money so it *may* / *must* well have to close.

2 Match 1–6 to A–F.

- A:** It was really warm today. ..C..
 - A:** Where's Seth? He's late.
 - A:** She climbs mountains without ropes.
 - A:** Where are my rollerblades?
 - A:** The recipe says: 100 potatoes.
 - A:** I live next to a fire station.
- A B:** They might be under your bed.
B B: That can't be very safe.
C B: I know. Summer can't be far away.
D B: You must get woken up a lot.
E B: He could be stuck in traffic.
F B: That must be a mistake.

3 Read the conversations and complete B's responses with *must, might, could, may* or *can't*. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- A:** Look, that painting has security guards standing next to it.
B: Wow. It must be very valuable.
- A:** Where are my brushes, Dad?
B: They be in the garage because I've looked in there.
- A:** Any idea where John and Vicky are?
B: I don't know. They be in the gift shop.
- A:** We should set off to the museum early.
B: Good plan. There be a big queue to get in.
- A:** I didn't have time to eat breakfast this morning.
B: It's almost lunchtime. You be starving!

4 Correct the mistake in bold in each sentence. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- It has my name on it, so it **can't** belong to me.
It has my name on it, so it must belong to me......
- Your wallet **can't** be in the bathroom. You sometimes leave it there.
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- Look, they're identical. They **can** be twins.
.....
- I saw Paul three hours ago in London. He **might** be in Australia now.
.....
- You're going to jump out of a plane? You **might** be crazy!
.....

5 Which four sentences are true? Write responses using *must, might, could, may* or *can't*.

- Sharks have been on the Earth longer than trees.
That might be true......
- 20% of the world's hazelnuts are used in Nutella.
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- A 104-year-old man completed the Mumbai marathon in 2016.
- The *Mona Lisa* was stolen in 1921.
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- More than 1 million Earths could fit inside the sun.
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- In 2003, a man in New York kept a tiger and an alligator in his bathroom.

6 Complete the news story with modal verbs plus the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

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Melanie Rosenberg's new art show opens on Friday at the Civic Theatre. She has said it ¹ might be (be) her last ever show as she plans on directing films in the future. As part of the show, the artist will spend 1,000 hours in complete darkness. We asked the public what they think: 'She ² (be) crazy! There's no other explanation.'
 'A stunt like that ³ (be) very good for your eyes.'
 Indeed, doctors say that Rosenberg ⁴ (suffer) some health problems due to lack of sunlight. But the event ⁵ (not / happen) at all. Organisers have stated that they ⁶ (be) forced to cancel the show unless more tickets are sold.

1

- 2 might
- 3 could
- 4 must
- 5 can't
- 6 may

2

- 2 E
- 3 B
- 4 A
- 5 F
- 6 D

3

- 2 can't
- 3 might/could/may
- 4 might/could/may
- 5 must

4

- 2 Your wallet **might/could/may** be in the bathroom. You sometimes leave it there.
- 3 Look, they're identical. They **must** be twins.
- 4 I saw Paul three hours ago in London. He **can't** be in Australia now.
- 5 You're going to jump out of a plane? You **must** be crazy!

5

- 1 True
- 2 False. It's 25%.
- 3 True
- 4 False. It was stolen in 1911.
- 5 True
- 6 True

6

- 2 must be
- 3 can't be
- 4 may/could/might (well) suffer
- 5 may/might (well) not happen
- 6 may/could/might (well) be