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Choose the correct modal verb. Sometimes both are possible (sentence 2)



The Yeti, or Abominable Snowman

Another mysterious creature, similar to Bigfoot, that may or ¹ can't / may not live in the Himalayas. Some theories suggest that the creature ² could / may be an ape and others say it ³ might / must be an enormous grey wolf. Locals say there ⁴ must / couldn't be some truth to the story and point to giant footsteps as proof of its existence. Scientists argue that it ⁵ can't / mustn't possibly be true as no real evidence has ever been found.

- 2 Complete the second sentence using the word given in brackets so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence.
 - That man looks just like John. It's obviously his brother.
 (must) That man must be John's brother, they look so similar.
 - 2 I'm sure that answer's wrong.(can't) That answer can't be right.
 - They live in the same street. Perhaps they know each other.(might) They live in the same street. They might know might know each other.
 - 4 He looks too young to drive a car.(can't) He can't be old enough to drive a car.
 - 5 It's possible that the footprints belong to a large bear.(may) The footprints may belong to a large bear.
 - They've got three houses. They're obviously very rich.(must) They've got three houses. They must be very rich.

3 ② Complete the sentences with *might, must* or *can't*. Then listen and check.

- 1 Is that Rose over there? No, it can't be. She's gone to visit her mother.
- 2 You've been working since six o'clock this morning. You must be exhausted.
- 3 You're going in the sea? You can't be serious! It's too cold.
- 4 Sue might want us to bring some food to the party. I'll phone and ask her.
- 5 He must love his job. He's always at the office.
- 6 He works so hard, he can't spends much time with his family.
- 7 That's the phone. I'll get it. It might be my mother. She sometimes phones around this time.
- 8 Jamie's so happy these days. He's always smiling and singing to himself. He must be in love!