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Modals of deduction: Present possibility and past

1 Check (✓) the correct modals.

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Ryan Look! That woman must 🗸 be in the band-she's carrying a guitar

and she looks famous!

Iris No, she ¹must be in the band because her face isn't on that

poster over there.

Ryan That's true. Well, she ²might work for the band, then!

2

Bethany Have you seen my Art book anywhere?

Dad You ³can't in the kitchen. Have you looked there?

Bethany Yes, I have, but it isn't there. And Joel 'can't have it because he

doesn't study Art.

Dad Well, keep looking. It ⁵might be somewhere!

2 Circle the correct alternatives.

It **must have / can't have** been a ghost! It was your imagination!

- 1 Liam's family used to have three homes, so they **might have** / **can't have** been rich in the past.
- 2 The lights that we saw in the sky last night may have / couldn't have been airplanes because they moved too quickly-and they didn't make any noise!
- 3 He might not have / can't have been at the party with Nia-she's on vacation in Chile.
- 4 It can't have / must have been amazing to swim with dolphins!
- 5 The cat can't have / may not have eaten your sandwich—the dog was in the room, too!