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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET
MODALS OF PROBABILITY *with 'be'*

I You He She It We They	**must be** **might be** **could be** **may be** **can't be**	at work. watching TV. in the classroom. doing homework. sleeping. tired. a spider.

- **must be =** 95% sure something is possible
- **might be =** maybe
- **could be =** maybe
- **may be =** maybe
- **can't be =** 95% sure something is NOT possible

- *Write sentences about the pictures below. Use modals of probability.*

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Grammar Focus Modals of Probability
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ANSWER KEY

Answers will vary, but below are some possibilities:

1. He **might be** at a birthday party.
2. He **could be** a hunter.
3. He **must be** very happy about something.
4. It **might be** an alien writing a letter to his friend.
5. She **may be** shouting because she's angry.
6. It **can't be** real. It **must be** (a scene) from a movie.

NOTE: We use the 'be' verb with …

1) **Nouns** Example: *"It must be a spider."*
2) **Verbs + 'ing'** Example: *"She might be sleeping."*
3) **Adjectives** Example: *"He could be sick."*
4) **Prepositions** Example: *"It can't be in the kitchen."*

My Notes