

1 Complete the modals of probability.

- 1 things that are possible *might* c.....
- 2 things we think are certain m.....
- 3 things that are impossible c.....

2 Write suitable modals of probability using the words in the box so that the second sentences match the first ones.

can't could might must

- 1 It's definitely not an insect. It can't be an insect.
- 2 Perhaps it's a mole. It be a mole.
- 3 It's definitely dangerous. It be dangerous.
- 4 Maybe it's harmless. It be harmless.
- 5 It's impossible that they're bats. They be bats.

3 Complete the conversation with suitable words.

- Alfie:** This animal is long.
Clara: It ¹ might be a snake.
Alfie: It lives under the ground.
Clara: I know! It ² be a worm!
Alfie: Yes, you're right.
Clara: OK, my turn. This animal has got wings.
Alfie: It ³ be a bird or an insect.
Clara: No, it's neither of these!
Alfie: Then it ⁴ be a bat.
Clara: Well done!
Alfie: I'm thinking of an animal with fur.
Clara: It ⁵ be a deer, a fox or a wolf.
Alfie: It isn't nocturnal.
Clara: OK, so it ⁶ be any of those animals. ⁷ it's a donkey?
Alfie: Yes, it is!
Clara: This animal has got six legs.
Alfie: Oh, it ⁸ be so many insects!
Clara: OK. Another clue. It's got colourful wings.
Alfie: Ah, that's easy! It ⁹ be a butterfly.

4 Underline and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 It's a very large fish with sharp teeth. It can't be a shark. *must*
- 2 It's an insect with wings. Must it be a fly?
- 3 These animals are poisonous so they might be donkeys.
- 4 It's a really large bird. It can't be an eagle or a vulture.
- 5 People think they're insects, but they've got eight legs. They could be spiders.

5 Complete the texts with suitable modals of probability.

The flying fox

Is it a fox? It's called a flying fox, but surely a fox ¹ can't fly. Its face looks a bit like a fox's face, but it definitely ² be another type of animal. It's got wings, but it ³ be a bird. In fact, it's a bat!

The urban fox

People think that there ⁴ be over 10,000 foxes living in London. Foxes generally live under the ground, and in the city they surely ⁵ live under trees and bushes, and in the parkland.

6 Rewrite the sentences using *can't*, *could*, *might* or *must*.

- 1 It's possible that it's a frog.
..... *It could be a frog.*
- 2 I'm certain it isn't a dangerous animal.
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- 3 I'm sure worms are blind.
.....
- 4 A cat is definitely not a wild animal.
.....
- 5 Perhaps they're nocturnal animals.
.....
- 6 I'm not sure if it's an insect that stings.
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1

- 1 *might, could*
- 2 *must*
- 3 *can't*

2

- 1 *It can't be an insect.*
- 2 *It might / could be a mole.*
- 3 *It must be dangerous.*
- 4 *It might / could be harmless.*
- 5 *They can't be bats.*

3

- 1 *might / could*
- 2 *must*
- 3 *might / could*
- 4 *must*
- 5 *might / could*
- 6 *can't*
- 7 *Perhaps / Maybe*
- 8 *might / could*
- 9 *must*

4

- 1 *can't, must*
- 2 *Must, Could*
- 3 *might, can't*
- 4 *can't, might / could*
- 5 *could, must*

5

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

6

- 1 *It could be a frog.*
- 2 *It can't be a dangerous animal.*
- 3 *Worms must be blind.*
- 4 *A cat can't be a wild animal.*
- 5 *They might / could be nocturnal animals.*
- 6 *It might / could be an insect that stings.*