

4A GRAMMAR speculation and deduction

- a Complete the sentences with *must*, *can't*, *may*, *might*, or *should*, and a verb in the correct form.

Paul What's wrong, Helena? You look a bit worried.

Helena I think I ¹ must have lost (am almost sure I lost) my phone. I can't find it anywhere.

P Do you think you ² _____ (perhaps left) it at work?

H No, it ³ _____ (almost certainly isn't) there because I remember checking my emails after I left the office last night.

P Could it be in your bag?

H I suppose it ⁴ _____ (it's possible that it is) but I've already looked. I'll double-check, though.

P Is all your personal information on it? I mean, do you bank online?

H Yes, it's all on there, including my bank details. Do you think that someone ⁵ _____ (is perhaps trying) to get all the info on it and steal my identity?

P A bit dramatic, but possible. Why don't you contact your bank just in case?

It ⁶ _____ (probably won't be) a problem if you tell them what's happened, because they can then block your account.

H Good idea. I think I'll do that right now. Can I use your phone?

P Yes, here you are. Hang on! What's that noise coming from the sofa?

H It's my ringtone! Yes, look, it's my phone. It ⁷ _____ (almost definitely fell out) of my pocket when I sat down to watch TV last night.

P Yes, it ⁸ _____ (almost definitely did). Lucky you didn't call the bank!



- b Add one word in the right place to make the sentences correct.

- 1 The traffic is heavy today, so they're sure be ^{to} late for the meeting.
- 2 Medical experts say that the disease likely to spread all over the world.
- 3 Without an experienced guide, you probably be able to get to the summit.
- 4 The company is unlikely be in a position to make a profit this year.
- 5 If we play as badly as we did last week, we bound to lose in the semi-final.
- 6 It's very that you'll win anything. I'd say there's only a two per cent chance.
- 7 With her presentation skills, she's bound be able to convince the company to choose her proposal.
- 8 If Sophie doesn't get to the gate before it closes, she definitely miss the flight.

ACTIVATION

- c Prepare a two-minute presentation about how you think life might be in 20 years. Try to use the grammar from **a** and **b**. Choose two or three of these topics:

Entertainment Family and friends Shopping The economic situation in your country
The environment Technology Transportation Work

"First of all, I think **it's very likely** that 20 years from now I'll still have a small group of very close friends, although if I'm married I **might not see** them as often as I do now. People will **definitely** still want to meet each other face-to-face, and I don't believe that email or chatting online will ever replace that. Families are **bound to** become smaller in the future as these days people are having fewer children and I think that the tradition of a large extended family **is likely** to disappear."