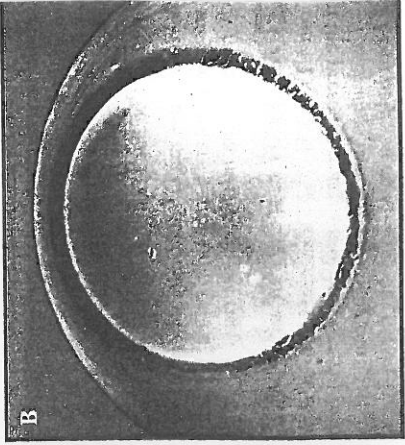
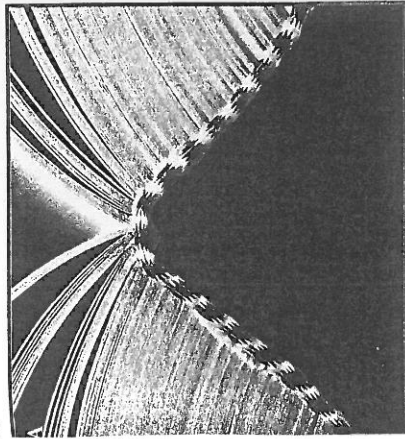


# MODAL VERBS

## III. (Probability)

### Listening:

Look at these photos of two ordinary objects. What are they?



You are going to hear part of a quiz programme. Were you correct?

Listen again and complete these sentences.

	Photo A	Photo B
1	It <u>might</u> be an insect.	5 It ..... be a headlight.
2	It ..... be a hairbrush.	6 It's the wrong shape. It ..... be a needle.
3	It ..... be a flower.	7 It ..... be a pencil.
4	It ..... be a book.	8 It ..... be a pen because that looks like ink.

Look at the sentences in A3.

- In which sentences does the speaker feel sure? .....
- In which sentences does the speaker feel unsure? .....

### 4. Must, can't and might

A reporter is interviewing Mrs Miles for a TV news programme. Complete the conversation. Put in *must*, *can't* or *might*.

**Mrs Miles:** My name's Nora Miles, and I'm going to do a parachute jump.

**Reporter:** Mrs Miles, you're seventy-three, and you're going to jump out of an aeroplane. You (▶) *must* be mad. You (1) ..... be serious.

**Mrs Miles:** It really (2) ..... be wonderful to look down from the sky. I've always wanted to try it.

**Reporter:** But anything could happen. You (3) ..... be injured or even killed. I wouldn't take the risk.

**Mrs Miles:** Well, young man, your life (4) ..... be much fun if you never take risks. You ought to try it. You never know - you (5) ..... enjoy it.

**Reporter:** Enjoy it? You (6) ..... be joking!

### 2.

Underline the correct verbs.

**Carlotta:** I can't find my keys and I'm late. There (1) might/must be a lot of traffic in town so I need to hurry. They're not in my bag so they (2) must/can't be in the flat somewhere.

**George:** Have you looked in the kitchen?

**Carlotta:** They (3) can't/could be there because I haven't been in the kitchen. They (4) must/might be in the bedroom because I changed my clothes there or they (5) could/must be on the table in the hall. I'll go and look. No, they're not there.

**George:** Did you leave them in the car?

**Carlotta:** They (6) could/can't be in the car because I opened the door with them. They (7) can't/must be here somewhere.

**George:** I can't see them. Let's think. They (8) might/can't be in your coat pocket because you weren't wearing one but they (9) can't/might be in your jeans pocket. Have you looked there?

**Carlotta:** Oh, thanks. I've found them. I (10) can/may be home a bit late tonight. Bye.

### 3.

Rewrite each sentence, using can, can't, might or must, and beginning and ending as shown.

a) Sarah is really good at swimming.

Sarah can swim really well.

b) It's possible that our team will win.

Our team ..... win.

c) I'm sure this isn't the right road.

This ..... the right road.

d) I'm sure you work very hard!

You ..... very hard.

e) Caroline isn't allowed to come to our party.

Caroline ..... to our party.

f) It's possible that I'll see you tomorrow, but I'm not sure.

I ..... but I'm not sure.

g) I'm afraid that your teacher is unable to come today.

I'm afraid that ..... today.

h) I'm sure it's very hot here in summer.

It ..... here in summer.

i) Excuse me, is it all right if I open the window?

Excuse me, ..... the window?

j) I suppose you're Mrs Perry. How do you do?

You ..... Mrs Perry. How do you do?