

**Consolidation**

**a** Complete the dialogue. Rewrite the phrases in the list with *must, can't, may, might, or should*, and a verb in the correct tense.

- 1 it's possible that he's having      2 almost certainly isn't      3 I'm almost sure he is  
4 it's possible that he's doing      5 I'm almost sure it wasn't      6 he was almost definitely there  
7 perhaps he went      8 perhaps he didn't think      9 will probably be

JOY Pam, why are you crying? What's wrong?  
PAM It's Derek. I think <sup>1</sup> *he might be having* an affair.  
JOY Come on, Pam, that <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ true. He <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most reliable partners in the world. How can you possibly think that he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ something behind your back?  
PAM That's what I thought. Until a friend saw him coming out of a nightclub with another woman!  
JOY It <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him. Derek's never been a late-night person.  
PAM No, Joy, it was definitely him. I found this ticket in his pocket, so he <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there that night.  
JOY Well, he <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there with a group of colleagues from work. He <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it was important enough to tell you about it.  
PAM What do you mean, not important enough?  
JOY Look, don't you think it would be a good idea to talk to him about it? Everything <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fine once you give him a chance to explain. You'll see.



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

- The traffic is heavy today, so they're sure **to** be late for the meeting.
- Medical experts say that the disease likely to spread all over the world.
- With an experienced guide you probably be able to get to the top in four or five hours.
- The company is unlikely be in a position to make a profit this year.
- If we play as badly as we did last week, we bound to lose in the semi-final.
- It's very that you'll win anything. I'd say there's only a 2% chance.
- With her presentation skills she's bound be able to convince the company to diversify.
- If Sophie doesn't get to the gate before it closes, she definitely miss the flight.

**Activation**

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

- family and friends      shopping      the environment      work      entertainment  
the economic situation in your country      technology      transport

*'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 am 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 talking online will ever replace that. Families are bound to become smaller in the future as nowadays people are having fewer children and I think that the tradition of large extended family is likely to disappear, etc.'*

# SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 3A

## SPECULATION AND DEDUCTION

a)

2 can't be

3 must be

4 might be doing / could be doing

5 can't have been

6 must have been

7 might have gone

8 might not have thought

9 should be

b)

2 the disease is likely to

3 you will probably be able

4 is unlikely to be

5 we are bound to

6 it's very unlikely that

7 she's bound to be

8 she will definitely