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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET
MODALS OF PROBABILITY *with 'be'*

It	**must be**	a museum sign.
	might be	a school sign.
	could be	a parking sign.
	may be	a hospital sign.
	can't be	a sign for a library.

- **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

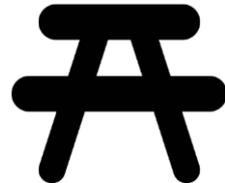- *Write sentences about the signs / symbols below. Use modals of probability.*

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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET   ALL Things Grammar

Grammar Focus	Modals of Probability
Level	Upper Intermediate (CEFR B2)

ANSWER KEY

Answers will vary, but below are some possibilities (the words highlighted in green are the *real places* represented by the symbols):

1. It **might be** at a **metro / railway** sign.
2. It **could be** a **hotel** sign.
3. It **must be** a **restaurant** sign
4. It **might be** a **warehouse** sign
5. It **must be** an **airport** sign.
6. It **could be** a sign for a **picnic** site.

NOTE: We use the 'be' verb with …

1) **Nouns**   Example: *"It might be a metro sign."*
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