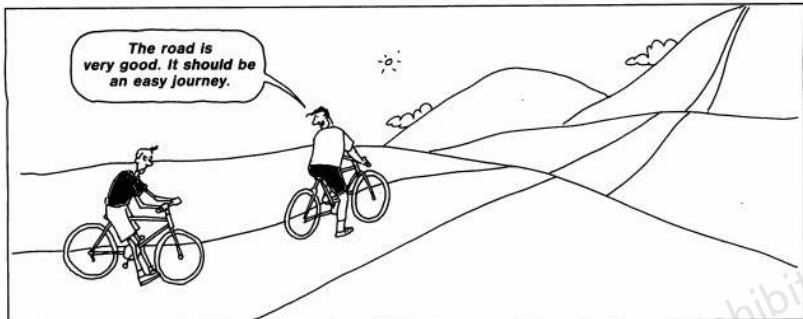


1 When you want to say that something is probably true or that it will probably happen you can use **should** or **ought to**:



The sun is shining. It **ought to** be a nice warm day.
I think I can do that for you. It **shouldn't** be any problem.
It's eight o'clock. Father **ought to** be home soon.

WARNING: You only use these forms for things you want to happen. You don't say:
We've missed our bus. We **ought to** be late.

2 When you are fairly sure that something is true you can use **must**:

There's someone at the door. It **must** be the postman.
Hello. Nice to meet you. You **must** be Sylvia's husband.

3 If you are sure that something is not the case you use **cannot** or **can't**:

He **can't** be very old. He's not more than forty is he?



WARNING: You do not use **must not** or **mustn't** with this meaning. You can't say:
That **mustn't** be true. You **mustn't** be tired already.

'But we've just started. You mustn't be tired already.' ✗

'You've just had lunch. You can't be hungry again.' ✓

A Use should be or ought to be with one of these phrases to complete these dialogues:

nice and quiet very comfortable a good game an exciting trip a nice day really funny

1 A We're thinking of going to New York this summer.

B Wow! That ought to be an exciting trip.

2 A Mum has just bought some nice new armchairs.

B That's nice. They _____.

3 A I think the weather's going to be fine tomorrow.

B Yes. It _____.

4 A I'm looking forward to the football match this weekend.

B So am I. It _____.

5 A We are going to have a holiday in the mountains.

B That sounds great. It _____.

6 A There's a good film with Robin Williams. He always makes me laugh.

B Yes. It _____.

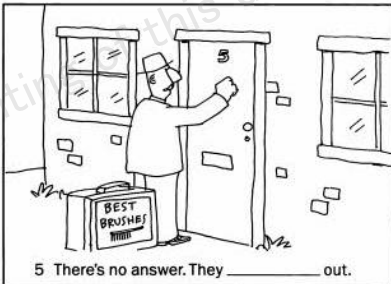
B Complete these sentences using must be or can't be:

1 It's still early. Surely you can't be tired already.

2 The dog is barking. There _____ someone at the door.

3 I hear your daughter's got a really good job. You _____ very proud of her.

4 It's not very expensive. It _____ more than twenty dollars.



7 She's very short. She _____ taller than five feet.

8 It's getting dark. It _____ getting late.

9 But you look so young. You _____ Rebecca's father!

10 I'm sorry to hear your wife's in hospital. You _____ very worried.

11 Bob has been off work for six weeks. He _____ very ill.

12 I've eaten most of them. There _____ many left.

13 It's really freezing cold. It _____ the worst winter we've ever had.