

Error Correction **Answers**

Look at each sentence. They are all incorrect. Explain why the sentence is incorrect and write the correct sentence in the spaces provided.

- 1) They speak fluent French, they might be from France.

EXPLANATION

We need a strong modal verb of possibility here - must.

CORRECT SENTENCE

They speak fluent French, they must be from France.

- 2) I don't know why she's not in the meeting. She must be unwell.

EXPLANATION

We have no idea why the person is not in the meeting, so we need a weaker modal of possibility.

CORRECT SENTENCE

I don't know why she's not in the meeting. She might/may/could be unwell.

- 3) It's completely impossible to get 100%. That might be right!

EXPLANATION

Complete impossibility requires can't.

CORRECT SENTENCE

It's completely impossible to get 100%. That can't be right!

4) She is absolutely soaking wet. It can't be raining outside.

EXPLANATION

We need a verb with strong possibility - must.

CORRECT SENTENCE

**She is absolutely soaking wet.
It must be raining outside.**

5) At the moment it's 50-50. I must pass the exam.

EXPLANATION

Possibility of 50-50 requires might, may or could.

CORRECT SENTENCE

**At the moment it's 50-50. I
might/may/could pass the
exam.**

6) She's been smiling all day and singing around the house. She may be so happy to have you back home.

EXPLANATION

We need a verb of very strong possibility - will/ must.

CORRECT SENTENCE

**She's been smiling all day and
singing around the house. She
must/will be so happy to have
you back home.**

7) The train could arrive in the next few minutes, as scheduled.

EXPLANATION

**A scheduled arrival requires
stronger possibility than could
- should.**

CORRECT SENTENCE

**The train should arrive in the
next few minutes, as
scheduled.**