

Choose the correct modal verbs of deduction for each gap below.

1 Paul is behaving in a very unusual way. I think he _____ again.

a. can't drink

b. can be drinking

c. might be drinking

2 I think there _____ a mistake in your tax return. You should check it.

Choose TWO correct options

a. can't be

b. might be

c. may be

3 If Suzan said that, it _____ true. She never lies.

a. might be

b. must be

c. can be

4 Sorry, but I'm not Connor. You _____ me for someone else.

a. might be confusing

b. must confuse

c. must be confusing

5 I'm not sure I trust Peter. He _____ the person we think he is.

a. might not be

b. can't be

c. must not be

6 You have walked for ten hours. You _____ exhausted.

- a. can be
- b. can't be
- c. must be

7 He _____ his son, they look completely different.

- a. might be
- b. can't be
- c. must not be

8 There's a bit of traffic, so I _____ arrive in time. **Choose TWO correct options**

- a. might not
- b. must not
- c. may not

9 He _____ be very proud of you right now. You disappointed him.

- a. must not
- b. can't
- c. might

10 I wouldn't swim in this river if I were you. It _____ dangerous.

Choose TWO correct options

- a. might be
- b. may be
- c. can be

Complete the dialogues with *must*, *might*, *might not* or *can't*.

Dialogue 1

A: Someone is knocking at the door.

B: It **1** be the pizza delivery man. I ordered a pizza.

A: I know you ordered a pizza. But it **2** be him, because you ordered the pizza five minutes ago.

B: Yes, you are right. Then it **3** be your sister.

A: No, it **4** be my sister, she's out of town.

B: Well, then just open the door; it **5** be important.

Dialogue 2

A: Why don't you tell me what is the matter with you?

B: Well, I should tell you something and I think you **6** like it.

A: Come on! Tell me what it is. It **7** be that bad.

B: I don't know. I'm afraid you **8** react badly.

A: Then I'm sure it **9** be serious. Please, tell me.

B: I saw Lindsey holding hands with another man.

A: What?

B: Please, I know you **10** be upset right now, but...

A: Dude, Lindsey and I broke up more than a year ago. Didn't you know?

Choose the correct modal verbs of deduction to complete the sentences below.

1 The phone is ringing. It _____ be Charlotte; she said she would call this morning. **can/can't /must**

2 She _____ be in love with him. She told me she hates him. **can't/might not/must**

3 He _____ be at the gym right now. Sometimes he goes there at this time. **might /must/can't**

4 This is not possible. You _____ be serious! **can't/must/might not**

5 If he drives a jaguar, he _____ be quite rich. **might /must/can't**

6 You should pick up the phone. It _____ be an important call. **can't/might/can**

7 He _____ know the answer, he's the best in the class. **can/must/might**

8 You _____ be right, but it's better if we check. **can/can't /might**

9 He _____ be in class. I saw him at the library a minute ago. **must/might not/can't**

10 A: Who's at the door?

B: I don't know; it _____ be John. **may/can't must**