Modals - Deductions about the present

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1. He hasn't eaten for two days.
2. He had a full breakfast one hour ago.
3. He's a little grumpy.



He might be hungry.

He must be hungry.

He can't be hungry.

Complete with must/can't/may/might/could

We use _____, _____, or _____ to say that we think something is possible.

We use _____ when we are almost sure that something is true.

We use _____ when we are almost sure that something isn't true.



Choose the correct modal verb to fill in the blanks.

1. They've been running for hours! They _____ be exhausted!
2. The race has just started. He _____ be tired already!
3. I've tried calling, but there's no reply. Perhaps he's at the bank: he _____ be unable to use the phone.
4. This _____ be right. It doesn't make any sense!
5. She hasn't arrived yet. She _____ be stuck in traffic, but I'm not sure.
6. I can't find my phone. It _____ be at home or perhaps I've lost it. I have no idea.
7. The phone _____ be at home. I remember putting it in my bag on my way out.
8. You _____ be joking! That's the most ridiculous excuse I've ever heard! You _____ be serious!
9. The baby looks uncomfortable. He _____ be hot or hungry. Maybe his diaper needs to be changed.
10. The baby's crying. She's wearing a thick sweater, socks and woolen shoes. She _____ be hot, poor thing.





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She must be in Rome.

She might be in Rome.

She can't be in Rome.

Her flight was due to depart from Rome five hours ago.

Or she could be in Paris. You never know where she may be!

She's just posted a picture of herself in front of the Colosseum.