

Modal Verbs of DEDUCTION

1) Match the sentences (WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS!)

1. He might be American. ☐
2. He can't be a university student. ☐
3. He must be cold. ☐
4. He might be going to the gym. ☐
5. He could be lost. ☐
6. He must be married. ☐
7. He must be a tourist. ☐
8. He can't be enjoying the party. ☐
9. He may not have a job. ☐
10. He can't be a businessman. ☐

- a) He's carrying a sports bag.
- b) He's carrying a camera and a guide book.
- c) He's looking at a map.
- d) He's wearing a baseball cap.
- e) He's looking at job adverts in the newspaper.
- f) He isn't talking to anybody.
- g) He isn't wearing a suit.
- h) He's wearing a wedding ring.
- i) He's not old enough.
- j) He isn't wearing a jumper.

2) Complete with MUST, MIGHT (NOT) or CAN'T.

- 1) A: Do you know anyone who drives a Ferrari?
B: Yes, my nephew. I don't know his salary, but he _____ earn a fortune!
- 2) A: Why don't you buy this dress for your mum?
B: I'm not sure. She _____ like it. It's a bit short for her.
- 3) A: My sister works as an interpreter for the EU.
B: She _____ speak a lot of languages to work there.
- 4) A: Did you know that Andy's parents have split up?
B: Poor Andy. He _____ feel very happy about that.
- 5) A: Are your neighbours away? All the windows are closed.
B: I'm not sure. I suppose they _____ be on holiday.
- 6) A: Where's your colleague today?
B: She _____ be ill. She called to say that she's going to the doctor's.
- 7) A: Jane is looking at you in a very strange way.
B: Yes. I've grown a beard since I saw her last, so she _____ recognize me.
- 8) A: My daughter has failed all her exams again.
B: She _____ be working very hard if she gets such bad grades.
- 9) A: Why is Tine so happy?
10) B: I'm not sure, but she _____ have a new partner.
- 11) A: Where's the manager's house?
B: I don't know, but he _____ live near the office because he commutes every day by train.

