Past Modals of Deduction

90% sure = must have + past participle

50% possible = may have + past participle
might have + past participle

impossible = can't have + past participle
couldn't have + past participle

Complete the following sentences using the correct past modals of deduction based on the evidence provided ("must have", "may have", or "can't have" + the verbs in the past participle).

1. Your mother _____(be) a great cook. Your siblings were fighting over her old cooking book.
2. I'm not sure yet, but I guess Gracia_____(eat) my cookies. Her smile was suspicious.
3. Denis_____(get) lost. He knows this neighborhood like the back of his hand!
4. I can see that carol is still mad at me. She_____(leave) my bags outside the house. I will have to apologize again!



5. The thief_____(go) that far. Look at the floor! He's bleeding; we have to follow his blood.

6. It hasn't been confirmed yet, but I think Rebeca and Leo _____(break) up. This might be my opportunity to confess my love!



7. When Jillian came home, her window was broken and her computer was missing. Someone _____(break) into her house.

8. Sarah is very angry with her boyfriend. She's not sure, but she thinks that he_____(cheat) on her.

9. I noticed when I got to work that I did not have my cellphone. I _____ (leave) it on the bus. I'm sure someone pickpocketed me!

10. I cannot confirm it, but I believe that they_____(produce) a new Marvel's movie.



11. Someone _____(kidnap) my cat. I have found this scary note from a stranger! He's asking for a ransom.

12. That's unbelievable! You _____(meet) Brad Pitt at Bicentenario Park.

13. Sofía _____(lie) to you. She said she was sick, but I saw her at a friend's party. She was having so much fun.