Intermediate 6

MODAL VERBS: MAKING DEDUCTIONS

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I. Choose the best modal.

1. She _____ be at home; the lights are on. *(must / can't)*
2. He _____ be a doctor; he's wearing a nurse's uniform. *(must / can't)*
3. The temperature is high; you _____ have a fever. *(could / can't)*
4. The bus is late; there _____ be traffic. *(could /can't)*
5. They have a big house; they _____ be wealthy. *(must / can't)*
6. The restaurant _____ be open; the door is locked. *(can't/must)*
7. She _____ be angry; she's smiling. *(might/can't)*
8. I'm not sure, but it _____ rain today. *(can't/might)*
9. He _____ be a teacher; he's too young. *(can't/might)*
10. They _____ be twins; they look so much alike. *(could/can't)*

II. Rewrite the sentences, so it includes the modal.

- I'm sure they're lost. (must)

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- I don't think she's at work today. (can't)

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- It's possible that he's busy. (might)

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- It's possible that she knows the answer. (could)

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- It's clear that he's lying. (must)

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- I'm sure she's happy. (must)

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- I don't think he's telling the truth. (can't)

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- Perhaps they're celebrating a birthday. (might)

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