MODALS OF DEDUCTION – present and past

1. Complete the following sentences.

- 1) I can hear some music coming from that window. He must / might / can't be at home.
- 2) Mark told me Sarah was working late today, so she must / might / can't be home right now.
- 3) Harry doesn't answer the phone. He must / might / can't be in the movies.
- Christina has already been three times to that new pizza restaurant. It must / might / can't be really good.
- 5) Robert always gets straight A's. His parents must / might / can't be really proud of him.
- 6) Her new boyfriend is absolutely gorgeous. He must / might / can't be a model.
- 7) Lisa failed her driving test, so she must / might / can't be in a good mood right now.
- George wasn't promoted as he had expected, so he must / might / can't be totally disappointed with himself.
- 9) He and his sister must / might / can't come with us if their parents give them permission.

| 2. | For | each sentence, fill in the blank with | must, might, can't a | and the correct form of verb – in past. |
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| | 1) | Your mother (be) a great cook. Everyone wants her recipe book! | | |
| | 2) | I don't know why I was so tired in co | ollege. I | (be) working too hard. |
| | 3) | Do you know where Carl went? He _ | | (leave) - his car keys are on the table. |
| | 4) | You seem to know everything about that old band. You (listen) to the | | |
| | | lot! | | |
| | 5) | To give the promotion to Harold wa | s silly. He | (know) much about this |
| | company after only a year working here. No wonder our sales are down! | | | sales are down! |
| | 6) | Oh, we have a missed call. It | (be) K | ate. |
| | 7) | 7) Dan had been practicing for the concert since June. He | | (do) his part |
| | | perfectly! | | |
| | 8) That couple (think) much of the show. They left after only 20 | | | ow. They left after only 20 minutes! |
| | 9) | The family next door to me growing up had a new car every week. They | | |
| | | (make) a lot of money! | | |

