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A. Complete the blanks with a modal of deduction.

The context will help to determine the correct modal: (**must, may, might, could, can't**)

1. The lights are off, and no one's answering the door.

They _____ be out of the house.

2. He _____ be at the office; his car is parked outside.

3. Sarah is very good at mathematics, so this problem _____ be difficult for her.

4. I heard some strange noises coming from the attic.

It _____ be the wind, but I'm not sure.

5. This package is very heavy. It _____ contain something fragile.

6. John looks exhausted today. He _____ have stayed up late last night.

7. The train is always on time, so it _____ be late today.

8. You _____ want to double-check your answers before submitting the test.

9. They _____ have left already; the meeting isn't until an hour from now.

10. With those dark clouds, it _____ start raining soon.

B. The correct past tense modal of deduction should be chosen: (must have, may have, could have, might have, can't have)

1. The kitchen is a mess. The kids ____ been playing in here.

2. She didn't answer my calls all day. She ____ been busy with something important.

3. The road was wet this morning. It ____ rained last night.

4. I can't find my keys anywhere. I ____ left them at work.

5. He looks so happy today. He ____ received good news.

6. There was no cake left by the time I arrived. It ____ been really delicious.

7. They ____ forgotten about the meeting; they didn't show up.

8. You ____ seen them at the party yesterday; they were definitely there.

9. The door was open when I got home. Someone ____ been inside.

10. She ____ have known about the surprise; she seemed genuinely shocked.