

## From worksheet author:

**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.