

NAME: _____

MODALS OF DEDUCTION

Part 1: Multiple Choice

Choose the most logical modal verb to complete the sentence based on the context provided.

1. Look at his setup! He has three monitors and a professional gaming chair. He _____ spend a lot of time streaming. a) must b) can't c) might d) could
2. She hasn't posted anything on her Instagram story for three days. She _____ be on a digital detox, but I'm not entirely sure. a) must b) may c) can't d) will
3. No way! That _____ be the real Zendaya at our local Starbucks. She's currently filming in London! a) must b) could c) can't d) might
4. The lights are off in the gym and the doors are locked. The basketball practice _____ be over. a) may b) must c) can't d) could
5. I think I left my AirPods in the cafeteria, but they _____ also be in my locker. I need to check both. a) must b) can't c) could d) won't
6. He's wearing a jersey from the rival team and cheering for them. He _____ be a fan of our school's squad. a) must b) might c) can't d) may
7. That new horror movie has a 10% rating on Rotten Tomatoes. It _____ be very good. a) must b) can't c) could d) might
8. There's a massive crowd of screaming fans outside the hotel. There _____ be a famous K-pop star staying there. a) might b) must c) can't d) may
9. I'm not sure why Leo is so quiet today. He _____ be upset about his math grade, or he's just tired. a) must b) can't c) might d) will
10. The pizza delivery guy is 40 minutes late. He _____ be lost because the GPS in this neighborhood is terrible. a) can't b) could c) must d) might

Part 2: Gapped Sentences

Complete the sentences using **must, might/may/could, or can't**. Use the context clues to decide how certain the situation is.

11. You've been playing *Fortnite* for seven hours straight! You _____ be absolutely exhausted.
12. I don't see any sneakers by the door. Sarah _____ be home yet.
13. If you don't study for the biology final, you _____ fail the class.
14. Look at all those trophies in her room! She _____ be a really talented athlete.
15. I'm not sure what this mystery meat in the school cafeteria is. I _____ be chicken, but it tastes more like cardboard.
16. That _____ be my phone ringing; I left mine at home this morning.
17. If we hurry, we _____ get to the cinema before the trailers finish, but there's a lot of traffic.
18. He's wearing a heavy winter coat and it's 30 degrees Celsius outside. He _____ be feeling very hot!
19. I haven't seen the cat all day. She _____ be hiding under the bed, or she may have gone outside.
20. You just had a huge lunch ten minutes ago. You _____ be hungry for snacks already!