MODALS OF DEDUCTION — PRESENT & PAST

A. Match the Meaning

Write **P** for PRESENT deduction or **PA** for PAST deduction.

1. ____ "She must be tired."
2. ____ "They might have missed the bus."
3. ____ "He can't be the teacher."
4. ____ "Someone must have taken my notebook."
5. ____ "They may be studying."
6. ____ "She can't have forgotten the exam."

B. Choose the Best Modal

Choose the best answer.

1. The lights are off. They _____ be home.

   a) must

   b) can't

   c) might have

2. Julia got 100% on the exam. She _____ studied a lot.

   a) must have

   b) can't have

   c) might be

3. The classroom is empty. The students _____ be at lunch.

   a) must have

   b) might

   c) can't have

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4. His backpack is still here. He _____ left yet.

   a) can't have

   b) must

   c) may be

5. The floor is wet. Someone _____ spilled water.

   a) must have

   b) can't

   c) might be

D. Fix the Mistakes

Rewrite the sentences using a modal of deduction and without changing the meaning.

1. I'm sure she studies a lot.

   She _____.

2. Maybe they went home.

   They _____.

3. It's impossible that he stole that phone.

   He _____.

4. I'm sure someone forgot the keys.

   Someone _____.

5. It's possible that he is tired.

   He _____.

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