Modals of Deduction

B1 Grammar Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer.

Use must for a strong conclusion, might for a possibility and can't for something you think is impossible.

1. Nina left her phone on my desk. I can see it from here. She ___ have it with her.
A. must B. might C. can't

2. The delivery was due this morning. It ___ be at reception, but I haven't checked yet.
A. might B. can't C. must

3. I can hear Ben talking to a customer through the meeting room door. He ___ be in there.
A. can't B. must C. might

4. This bag has my name and phone number on the label. It ___ be mine.
A. might B. can't C. must

5. Rosa ___ be working from home today. She sometimes does that on Mondays, but her calendar doesn't say.
A. must B. might C. can't

6. The café closes at six. It's eight now, and there's a CLOSED sign on the door. It ___ be open.
A. can't B. must C. might

7. I can smell fresh bread, and the baker is taking a tray of rolls out of the oven. Those rolls ___ be hot.
A. can't B. might C. must

8. The shirt ___ fit you. It's your usual size, but this brand sometimes runs small.
A. might B. must C. can't

9. That man ___ be our new manager. Our new manager is a woman called Leila.
A. might B. can't C. must

10. You've been on your feet since six this morning and you haven't had a break. You ___ be tired.
A. can't B. might C. must

11. There's a scratching sound outside. It ___ be a branch hitting the window, but I can't see in the dark.
A. must B. might C. can't

12. This ___ be today's newspaper. Look at the date. It's from last Friday.
A. can't B. might C. must

13. The name on the screen says "Interview with Sara Ahmed," and she's the only person on the call. That ___ be Sara.
A. might B. must C. can't

14. Try the top drawer. The spare batteries ___ be in there. That's where I usually put them.
A. can't B. must C. might

15. These keys ___ belong to the hire car. The number on the key tag is 42, and our car is number 17.
A. can't B. must C. might

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Answer Key

1. C | can't

2. A | might

3. B | must

4. C | must

5. B | might

6. A | can't

7. C | must

8. A | might

9. B | can't

10. C | must

11. B | might

12. A | can't

13. B | must

14. C | might

15. A | can't

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