

MODALS OF DEDUCTION – present and past

1. Complete the following sentences.

- 1) I can hear some music coming from that window. He must / might / can't be at home.
- 2) Mark told me Sarah was working late today, so she must / might / can't be home right now.
- 3) Harry doesn't answer the phone. He must / might / can't be in the movies.
- 4) Christina has already been three times to that new pizza restaurant. It must / might / can't be really good.
- 5) Robert always gets straight A's. His parents must / might / can't be really proud of him.
- 6) Her new boyfriend is absolutely gorgeous. He must / might / can't be a model.
- 7) Lisa failed her driving test, so she must / might / can't be in a good mood right now.
- 8) George wasn't promoted as he had expected, so he must / might / can't be totally disappointed with himself.
- 9) He and his sister must / might / can't come with us if their parents give them permission.

2. For each sentence, fill in the blank with must, might, can't and the correct form of verb – in past.

- 1) Your mother _____ (be) a great cook. Everyone wants her recipe book!
- 2) I don't know why I was so tired in college. I _____ (be) working too hard.
- 3) Do you know where Carl went? He _____ (leave) - his car keys are on the table.
- 4) You seem to know everything about that old band. You _____ (listen) to them a lot!
- 5) To give the promotion to Harold was silly. He _____ (know) much about this company after only a year working here. No wonder our sales are down!
- 6) Oh, we have a missed call. It _____ (be) Kate.
- 7) Dan had been practicing for the concert since June. He _____ (do) his part perfectly!
- 8) That couple _____ (think) much of the show. They left after only 20 minutes!
- 9) The family next door to me growing up had a new car every week. They _____ (make) a lot of money!