

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

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 _____.