Quiz – Lesson 10: Modal Verbs for Deduction

Exercise 1 – Complete the blanks with **must**, **can’t**, or **might**:

1. Look at that guy's enormous muscles. He __________ work out a lot.
2. Michelle __________ want to participate in the festival - it seems like the type of thing she'd be interested in. Why don't you ask her?
3. She goes camping every weekend. She __________ really love the outdoors.
4. He worked hard on his report, then accidentally deleted the file from his computer. He __________ be upset.
5. You __________ be right - but I'm going to check to make sure.
6. We're not sure if this painting is an original. It __________ be worth thousands of dollars.
7. I __________ not be able to go to the football game. It depends on whether I can get the afternoon off from work.
8. He's working full-time and studying for his Ph.D. That __________ be easy.
9. You just ate a huge dinner! You __________ be hungry again already!
10. Wow - look at that diamond necklace. It __________ cost a fortune.
Exercise 2 – Now complete the blanks with must, should, shouldn’t, or couldn’t:

1. I’m so thankful for your help with this project. I ___________ have done it without you!
2. The repairs I made ___________ have fixed the problem, but they didn’t - so I’ll have to take another look.
3. It ___________ have rained a lot last night - there are puddles everywhere.
4. I ___________ have watched that horror movie; it gave me nightmares.
5. We ___________ have known about this; nobody told us anything about it.
6. If you’ve been trying to lose weight, then you really ___________ have eaten all that ice cream.
7. He ___________ have finished a 500-page book in a single day!
8. She never showed up. She ___________ have forgotten about our appointment.
9. He broke two of the plates while washing the dishes. He ___________ have been more careful.
10. They ate every bite of their dinner - they ___________ have enjoyed the food.
Answers – Quiz – Lesson 10

Exercise 1:

1. Look at that guy’s enormous muscles. He must work out a lot.
2. Michelle might want to participate in the festival - it seems like the type of thing she’d be interested in. Why don’t you ask her?
3. She goes camping every weekend. She must really love the outdoors.
4. He worked hard on his report, then accidentally deleted the file from his computer. He must be upset.
5. You might be right - but I’m going to check to make sure.
6. We’re not sure if this painting is an original. It might be worth thousands of dollars.
7. I might not be able to go to the football game. It depends on whether I can get the afternoon off from work.
8. He’s working full-time and studying for his Ph.D. That can’t be easy.
9. You just ate a huge dinner! You can’t be hungry again already!
10. Wow - look at that diamond necklace. It must cost a fortune.

Exercise 2:

1. I’m so thankful for your help with this project. I couldn’t have done it without you!
2. The repairs I made should have fixed the problem, but they didn’t - so I’ll have to take another look.
3. It must have rained a lot last night - there are puddles everywhere.
4. I shouldn’t have watched that horror movie; it gave me nightmares.
5. We couldn’t have known about this; nobody told us anything about it.
6. If you’ve been trying to lose weight, then you really shouldn’t have eaten all that ice cream.
7. He couldn’t have finished a 500-page book in a single day!
8. She never showed up. She must have forgotten about our appointment.
9. He broke two of the plates while washing the dishes. He should have been more careful.
10. They ate every bite of their dinner - they must have enjoyed the food.