

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.

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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.