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

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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.
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