

topic: Basic Modals Exercise 2

For each sentence, choose the modal (**should, can, must**) that is most appropriate.

NB: In American English, "must" often sounds old-fashioned and/or bossy - it's more natural in most cases to say "have to" as in "You have to be at the airport at 9" not "You must be at the airport at 9".

1. This _____ be dangerous if you don't have the right equipment.
a) should b) can
2. You _____ yell at your parents. It's not nice.
a) shouldn't b) can't
3. I _____ have seen that movie eight times.
a) must b) can
4. I can't allow you to hang around here = I _____ have you hanging around here.
a) shouldn't b) can't
5. Isn't that Charlie's umbrella? Yes, he _____ have left it here yesterday.
a) should b) must
6. _____ I borrow your pen for a minute?
a) Can b) Should
7. _____ you speak Japanese? No, I can't.
a) Can b) Must
8. It's late. I _____ get going.
a) can b) should
9. I saw that pen this morning... it _____ be around here somewhere.
a) must b) can
10. I _____ understand what he's saying.
a) shouldn't b) can't

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ANSWERS:

1)b 2)a 3)a 4)b 5)b 6)a 7)a 8)b 9)a 10)b