topic: Basic Modals Exercise 1

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. She looks pretty sick. I think she ________ go to a doctor.
   a) should   b) can

2. You’ve been driving all day. You ________ be exhausted!
   a) should   b) must

   a) can’t   b) shouldn’t

4. Hey I’m lost. ________ you help me?
   a) Can   b) Should

5. You have such a beautiful voice. You ________ sing for us!
   a) should   b) can

6. I know he speaks five languages, but ________ he speak Arabic?
   a) should   b) can

7. That looks very expensive. It ________ have cost a fortune!
   a) should   b) must

8. I ________ believe that you failed your test!
   a) can’t   b) shouldn’t

9. I’m on my way. I ________ be there in about 10 minutes.
   a) should   b) can

10. I ________ afford that.
    a) can’t   b) shouldn’t
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**ANSWERS:**
1)a  2)b  3)b  4)a  5)a  6)b  7)b  8)a  9)a  10)a