TOPIC: Mixed Modals 2 (Can, Should, Must) | LEVEL: Intermediate

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

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. P1: Isn’t that Charlie’s umbrella? P2: Yes, he ________ have left it here yesterday.
   a) should  b) must

6. ________ I borrow your pen for a minute?
   a) Can  b) Should

   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