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. 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