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Modal Verbs Deduction Speculation

Use the appropriate modal verb for deduction (must, might, could, can't) to fill in the blanks.

1. She _____ be at work right now; her car is not in the driveway.
2. They _____ have taken a different route because they are not here yet.
3. John _____ be tired after working all night.
4. This _____ be Sarah's bag; she always carries a red one.
5. You _____ be joking! There's no way that could have happened.
6. She _____ be the manager; she seems to be in charge.
7. It _____ be raining outside, the ground is wet.
8. He _____ be very busy; he hasn't returned any of my calls.
9. This _____ be the right answer; let's check it again.
10. They _____ have left already; their car is gone.

Rewrite the sentences using the appropriate modal verb for deduction.

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| 1. I'm sure she is the manager.
She _____. | 3. I'm certain this isn't the right key.
This _____. |
| 2. It's possible that they are on vacation.
They _____. | 4. Perhaps he is at the library now.
He _____. |