

Modals of deduction -Using CAN'T HAVE, MUST HAVE

Choose the best answer to explain these given situations.

1. The coat you bought is of very good quality.
 - a) It must have been very expensive.
 - b) It can't have been very expensive

2. My friend Christine walked past me without speaking.
 - a) She must have seen me.
 - b) She can't have seen me.

3. The phone rang but I didn't hear it.
 - a) I must have been asleep.
 - b) I can't have been asleep.

4. I haven't seen our neighbours for ages.
 - a) They must have gone away.
 - b) They can't have gone away.

5. I can't find my mobile phone.
 - a) I can't have left it in the restaurant we had dinner at last evening.
 - b) I must have left it in the restaurant we had dinner at last evening.

6. Dan passed his exams with excellent grades, despite not having prepared for it.
 - a) The exam must have been very difficult.
 - b) The exam can't have been very difficult.

7. The police knew every detail of their phone conversation.
 - a) They can't have done some wiretapping.
 - b) They must have done some wiretapping.

8. Christie did the opposite of what I asked her to do.
 - a) She can't have understood what I said.
 - b) She must have understood what I said.

9. When I got home last evening, I found my door smashed.
 - a) Someone can't have broken in.
 - b) Someone must have broken in.