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Exercise
Choose the right answer to express the idea indicated in brackets:

1 - She said that it _____ be true. (possibilité)
   - should
   - would
   - might
   - must

2 - We _____ our own luggage. (nécessité)
   - could have carried
   - must have carried
   - should have carried
   - had to carry

3 - You _____ leave your bike here, that's not a problem. (permission)
   - can
   - will
   - could
   - might

4 - I _____ answer all the questions. (capacité)
   - could
   - was able to
   - should
   - might

5 - You _____ talk so loudly, we can hear you ! (pas de nécessité)
   - don't have to
   - can't
   - are not to
   - mustn't

6 - You _____ be late for school. (interdiction)
could not
must not
should not
don’t have to

7 - Your son _____ be quite tall by now. (probabilité)

might
must
would
could

8 - You _____ be serious. (impossibilité)

mustn’t
can’t
shouldn’t
wouldn’t

9 - You _____ pay more attention to what you say. (donner un conseil)

are to
need to
should
could

10 - _____ watching my bag for a few minutes? (demande très polie)

Can you
Would you
Would you mind
Could you

ANSWERS

1. She said that it might be true.
2. We had to carry our own luggage.
3. You can leave your bike here, that's not a problem.
4. I was able to answer all the questions.
5. You don’t have to talk so loudly, we can hear you!
6. You must not be late for school.
7. Your son must be quite tall by now.
8. You can’t be serious.
9. You should pay more attention to what you say.
10. Would you mind watching my bag for a few minutes?