

English Activity I: Modal Verbs

A modal verb indicates the possibility of an event happening. These verbs can be ranked to show whether there is a greater or lesser chance of an event occurring.

Challenge I: Rank modal verbs

Rank these modal verbs from possible to certain.

Definite event



Possible event



Modal Verbs

may

ought to

could

should

must

will

would

might

can

Challenge 2: Positive to negative

Change these modal verbs from positive to negative. So the chance of the event occurring is possible to impossible.

Example: may= may not

could= could not/couldn't

1. Ought to
2. Should
3. Must
4. Will
5. Would
6. Might
7. Can

Challenge 3: Using modal verbs

1. Neeta _____ tidy her bedroom before she can go out to play.

2. Paul was so tired that he _____ keep his eyes open.

3. You _____ eat too many sweets as it's bad for your teeth.

4. I _____ like to be an astronaut when I am older.

5. After you have finished all your food, you _____ leave the table.

Bonus Star: Can you write your own sentences containing modal verbs?