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Modal Verbs

A modal verb is an auxiliary verb that expresses necessity or possibility. They indicate degrees of possibility.

Can you think of five modal verbs?

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Year 6 _____ go to high school next year.
(certain)

It _____ rain next week! (not certain)

Liverpool _____ win the Premiership. (not certain but more than likely)

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can could should might ought to

must will should not cannot

will not won't may may not

must not shall shall not

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16. Underline both of the modal verbs in these sentences:

Everyone could see Dave as he appeared over the horizon. If he kept sprinting, he might win the race.

Underline all of the modal verbs in the paragraph below:

It would have been amazing if we had beaten the record. We knew we could have and, as the minutes ticked down, we really thought we would. There is a lot of belief in the team that we can do this, and we might be back next year for another attempt.

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Tick one box in each row to show how the **modal verb** affects the meaning of the sentence.

Sentence	Modal verb indicates certainty	Modal verb indicates possibility
It will be very cold tomorrow.		
John might have missed the train.		
Ann can speak six languages.		
You could finish your work by the end of the lesson.		

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3. Choose one of these **modal verbs** to complete the sentences. You may only use each one once.

will could not may should can

- a) Try as she might, she _____ get the ball in the tiny hole.
b) If Hamza doesn't already brush his teeth well, then what the dentist told him _____ make him try harder.
c) For all we know, that _____ be the quickest route after all.
d) Letitia has improved a lot - she _____ do things she never would have dreamed of when she began.
e) Because it is an emergency, I _____ get there as quickly as I can.

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Tick all of the sentences which contain **modal verbs**.

I like chips because they taste nice.

I like singing but I prefer dancing.

I might be going on holiday at the weekend.

Dust mites are everywhere but they are so small we can't see them.

He should have scored. It was an open goal!

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Which modal verbs show the possibility as certain to happen?

Which modal verbs show the possibility as a 50/50 chance?

Which modal verb shows that something is certain not to happen?

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1. What is a modal verb?

2. Can you think of ten modal verbs?

3. Change this sentence so it is negative:

Year 6 will go to the park.