

Mastering Modal Verbs with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To use modal verbs to show degrees of possibility and certainty in a persuasive letter.

Max the Monkey is planning a jungle adventure. Help him write a letter to his friends explaining his plans. Use modal verbs to show how likely his plans are to happen. Remember to use a variety of modal verbs such as: will, shall, might, could, should, would, and must.

Dear Jungle Friends, I have been calculating the possibilities for our next big expedition, and I believe we should prepare for an exciting journey.

Word bank: certainly · possibly · definitely · might · could · will · should · would · must · however · furthermore · on the other hand

1. Introduction: Describe the destination you have chosen. What will you pack? Start your sentence with: 'I will definitely pack...' or 'We might take...' (2 marks)

2. The Journey: Explain how you will travel to the location. Use a modal verb to express how sure you are about the route. Start with: 'We could travel by...' or 'The path must be...' (2 marks)

3. Potential Challenges: What might go wrong? Discuss a problem you could face. Start with: 'We might encounter...' or 'It would be wise to...' (2 marks)

4. The Goal: What do you hope to find? Use modal verbs to show your ambition. Start with: 'We shall discover...' or 'It should be possible to find...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise your feelings about the trip. Start with: 'I would love for you to join me because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you rewrite one of your sentences by replacing the modal verb with an adverb of possibility (e.g., instead of 'We might go', write 'We will possibly go') to see how the meaning changes?