

Modal Verbs Adventure with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To identify and use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility and certainty.

Read the story about Kit the fox and his clever inventions. Then, use the word bank to help you answer the questions about how Kit describes his work.

Kit the fox spends his days in his woodland workshop. He is currently building a device to help his friends. 'I think this machine will help Zara paint her patterns faster,' Kit said, adjusting a copper wire. 'It might even help Pip turn pages in his books more quickly.' Kit checked his clipboard. 'I must finish this by sunset,' he told himself. 'I could add a light, or I could add a timer. I suppose I should try both! This invention will change how we work in the forest.'

Word bank: might · could · must · should · will · can · may

1. Identify two modal verbs from the passage that show a high level of certainty about what Kit is going to do. (2 marks)

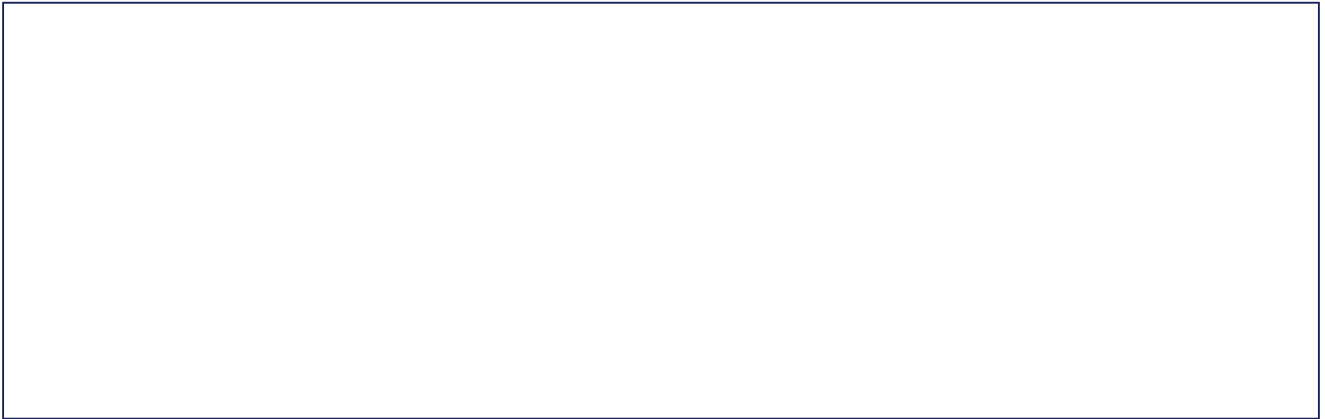
2. Which modal verb does Kit use to show that he is unsure if he will add a light or a timer? (1 mark)

3. Rewrite the following sentence using a different modal verb that changes the meaning to show a possibility: 'It will help Pip turn pages.' (2 marks)

4. Why does Kit use the modal verb 'must' when talking about finishing by sunset? (2 marks)

5. Complete this sentence using a modal verb of your choice: 'If Kit works hard, he _____ finish his invention before the stars come out.' (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Kit the fox in his workshop. Include one invention he is building and label it with a sentence containing a modal verb, such as 'This machine might fly'.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about an invention you would like to create. Use at least three different modal verbs to explain what your invention can do, might do, and must do.