

Max's Modal Verb Mission

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

Max the monkey has been busy solving maths puzzles, but he needs help finishing his sentences! Read each sentence below and choose the most appropriate modal verb from the word bank to fill the gap. Think about whether the sentence describes something that is certain, possible, or just a suggestion.

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

1. Max checked his calculations and decided that he _____ definitely finish his homework before tea time because he is so fast. (1 mark)

2. Pip the caterpillar said, 'If the weather stays sunny, I _____ go to the library this afternoon, but I haven't decided yet.' (1 mark)

3. Nova the owl looked at the night sky and said, 'You _____ see the North Star if the clouds clear away tonight.' (1 mark)

4. Ellie the elephant reminded her friends, 'We _____ always remember to pack our water bottles when we go on an adventure.' (1 mark)

5. Zara the zebra thinks that if she practises her painting every day, she _____ become a famous artist one day. (1 mark)

6. Explain why you chose 'must' or 'will' for the first question instead of 'might'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey sitting at a desk with a giant maths puzzle, using a speech bubble to show him using a modal verb to describe his progress.



Extension challenge: Write three original sentences about an adventure you are planning with one of our BookFlik characters. In each sentence, use a different modal verb to show how certain you are about the plans.