

Modal Verb Mission with Max and Kit

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

Max the monkey and Kit the fox are planning an exciting adventure to the local library. Read the sentences below and choose the correct modal verb from the word bank to complete their plans. You must choose a verb that makes sense for the level of certainty or obligation required in each sentence.

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

1. Max says, 'We _____ definitely finish our maths puzzles before we go to the library.' (Indicates strong obligation) (2 marks)

2. Kit says, 'If we leave now, we _____ arrive by ten o'clock.' (Indicates possibility) (2 marks)

3. Max thinks, 'It _____ rain later, so I think we _____ take our umbrellas just in case.' (Indicates remote possibility, then advice) (2 marks)

4. Kit whispers, 'I _____ read ten books if I stay all afternoon!' (Indicates intention) (2 marks)

5. Explain why 'must' changes the meaning of the sentence 'We go to the library' compared to 'We might go to the library'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey and Kit the fox sitting in a library surrounded by stacks of books, with a thought bubble above them showing what they 'might' find next.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences of your own about a school trip to a museum. In your first sentence, use a modal verb to show something is certain (e.g., will), in the second show a possibility (e.g., could), and in the third show an obligation (e.g., must).