

Mastering Modal Verbs with Max the Monkey

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

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of modal verbs. Max the Monkey has hidden them in his math puzzles! Read the front of the card, guess the function of the modal verb, then check the answer on the back.

What is a modal verb?	Which modal verb would you use to show that something is certain to happen?
A type of auxiliary verb that shows possibility, ability, permission, or obligation.	Will
Identify the modal verb in this sentence: 'Max might solve the puzzle today.'	Which modal verb suggests a strong obligation or rule?
Might (shows possibility)	Must
What is the function of the modal verb 'could' in the sentence 'I could run very fast'?	Choose the correct modal verb for permission: '____ I borrow your pencil?'
It shows ability (or past ability)	May (or Can)
True or False: Modal verbs change their form (like adding -ed or -ing).	Which modal verb indicates that something is unlikely?
False. Modal verbs never change their form.	Might (or Could)
Identify the modal verb in: 'You should always listen to the teacher.'	Fill the gap: 'It ____ rain later, so take an umbrella.'
Should (shows advice or expectation)	Might (or may/could)
Which modal verb would you use to express a lack of obligation?	Max says: 'I shall finish this task.' What does 'shall' indicate here?
Needn't (or do not have to)	Future intention or certainty.