

Modal Verb Mission with Max the Monkey

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

Max the Monkey loves solving math puzzles, but today he needs your help with ELA! Read each question carefully and choose or write the correct answer. A modal verb is a type of verb that changes the meaning of the main verb by showing possibility, ability, or permission.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.B, 4.True, 5.False, 6.might/could/may, 7.must, 8.will, 9.could, 10.should.

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

1. 1. Which sentence uses a modal verb to show possibility? A) Max eats a banana. B) Max ate a banana. C) Max might eat a banana. D) Max is eating a banana. Answer: *C (1 mark)

2. 2. Which of these is NOT a modal verb? A) Jump B) Could C) Should D) Must Answer: *A (1 mark)

3. 3. If you are 100% certain something is true, which modal verb would you use? A) Might B) Must C) Could D) May Answer: *B (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: The word 'can' is a modal verb that shows ability. Answer: True (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: 'Run' is a modal verb. Answer: False (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the gap: It ____ rain later, so take your umbrella. (Hint: uncertainty) (1 mark)

7. 7. Fill in the gap: You ____ finish your homework before you go out to play. (1 mark)

8. 8. Fill in the gap: I ____ go to the park tomorrow if the sun is shining. (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the gap: ____ you please pass me the ruler? (Polite request) (1 mark)

10. 10. Fill in the gap: We ____ always be kind to our friends. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the Monkey holding a sign that says 'Modal Verbs are Magical' while sitting in a jungle classroom.



Extension challenge: Write three sentences about an adventure you would like to have. In each sentence, include one modal verb from the word bank to describe what you might see or do.