

Max's Magnificent Modal Expedition

Learning objective: To identify and use modal verbs to express degrees of possibility, certainty, and obligation within Year 5 writing.

Max the Monkey is planning an expedition to the Crystal Caves. Use the modal verbs from the word bank to complete Max's travel log. Each modal verb must be used to show how certain or necessary each action is. Once you have filled in the blanks, rewrite two of the sentences to change the level of certainty or obligation, explaining how the meaning shifts.

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

1. 1. 'I _____ pack my heavy hiking boots because the path is very rocky,' Max noted. (Use a modal verb of strong obligation). (2 marks)

2. 2. 'It _____ rain in the caves, so I _____ bring my waterproof cloak,' Max pondered. (Use modal verbs of possibility and recommendation). (2 marks)

3. 3. 'If I find the rare glowing crystals, I _____ definitely show them to Nova,' Max promised. (Use a modal verb of certainty). (2 marks)

4. 4. '_____ we start our journey at dawn?' Max asked Leo. (Use a modal verb to suggest an action). (2 marks)

5. 5. Explain why using 'must' changes the tone of a sentence compared to using 'might'. Justify your answer with an example. (3 marks)

6. 6. Compare and contrast: How does the meaning of 'Max can climb the wall' differ from 'Max could climb the wall'? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey standing at the entrance of a mysterious, sparkling cave, carrying a backpack full of supplies for his expedition.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are leading the expedition with Max. Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) about the dangers you encounter. You must include at least four different modal verbs to describe the rules of the cave and the possibilities of what you might discover.