

Max's Modal Verb Mission

Learning objective: To identify, explain, and use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, ability, and obligation.

Help Max the monkey solve these grammatical puzzles! Read each question carefully and select or write the correct answer. Remember: a modal verb changes the meaning of the main verb by showing how certain or necessary an action is.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.B, 3.True, 4.must, 5.False, 6.might/could, 7.should, 8.will, 9.can, 10.B. Explanation of Modal Verbs: Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs that express necessity, possibility, or ability. They do not change form (no -s or -ed endings).

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

1. Which of the following sentences uses a modal verb to show high certainty? A) Pip might read the book. B) Pip could read the book. C) Pip will read the book. D) Pip may read the book. (1 mark)

2. Select the modal verb that expresses a strong obligation: A) could, B) must, C) might, D) shall. (1 mark)

3. True or False: The word 'jumped' is a modal verb. (1 mark)

4. Fill in the blank: Zara _____ paint her masterpiece today if she finishes her sketch on time. (1 mark)

5. True or False: Modal verbs change their form when the subject is third-person singular (e.g., he/she/it). (1 mark)

6. Identify the modal verb in this sentence: 'Nova might stargaze tonight if the clouds clear.' (1 mark)

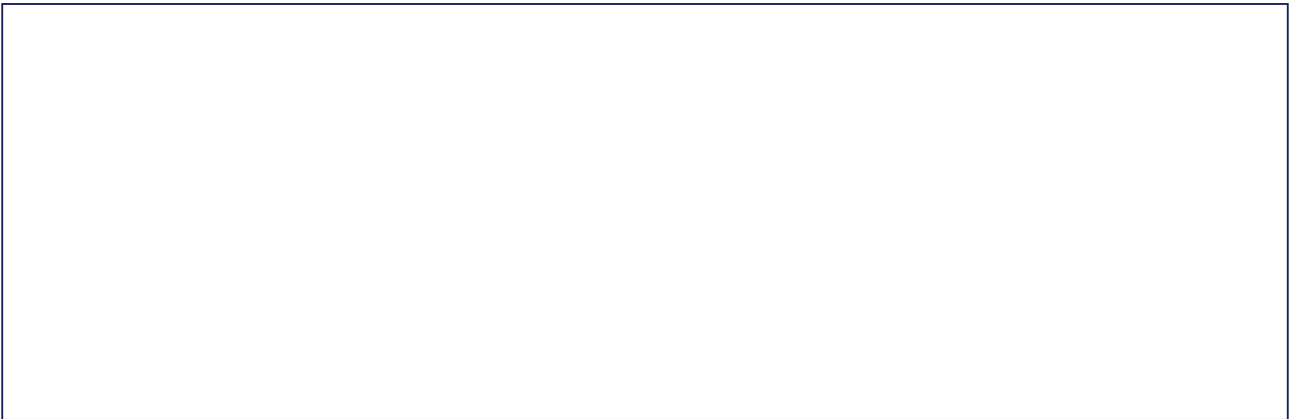
7. Which modal verb would you use to offer polite advice to a friend? (e.g., 'You _____ wash your hands before eating.') (1 mark)

8. Rewrite this sentence to show absolute certainty: 'Finn can visit the reef.' (Use a modal verb) (1 mark)

9. Which modal verb indicates physical ability? A) should, B) can, C) must, D) might. (1 mark)

10. Choose the most appropriate modal verb for a formal instruction: A) You might leave now. B) You shall leave now. C) You could leave now. D) You may leave now. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey sitting in a tree, holding a sign that says 'Modal Verbs are Magical!'. Surround him with floating speech bubbles containing different modal verbs like 'might', 'must', and 'could'.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why using 'must' changes the tone of a sentence compared to using 'might'. 2. Compare and contrast the use of 'shall' and 'can' in a formal letter. 3. Justify your answer: Is it possible for a sentence to contain two modal verbs? Provide an example. 4. What might happen to the meaning of a school rule if you replaced 'must' with 'could'? 5. Write a short paragraph about a space adventure using at least four different modal verbs. 6. Analyse why modal verbs are essential for writing persuasive arguments.