

Max's Mission: The Modal Verb Adventure Diary

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

Max the monkey is planning a grand expedition to the Great Library of Leaves. Use this diary entry template to describe his preparations. In each section, you must include a modal verb (such as might, could, should, must, or will) to explain his plans and possibilities. Focus on how these verbs change the certainty of his actions.

Word bank: might · could · should · must · will · would · shall · can · may · certainty · possibility · obligation

1. The Journey Begins: Describe how Max intends to reach the library. Use a modal verb to explain how he might travel. (2 marks)

2. Pack Your Bag: List the items Max needs to bring. Use a modal verb to explain what he must pack for the journey. (2 marks)

3. Anticipating Challenges: Imagine an obstacle Max could face. How could he overcome it? Use a modal verb to express possibility. (2 marks)

4. The Final Goal: Explain what Max expects to find at the library. Use a modal verb to show his level of certainty. (2 marks)

5. Explain why the choice of modal verb changes the meaning of your sentences in the 'The Journey Begins' section. If you changed 'might' to 'will', how does the tone of the sentence shift? (3 marks)

6. Justify your answer: Is it more effective to use 'could' or 'must' when describing a character's future plans? Provide a reason for your choice. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a 'Plan B' for Max. Include at least three different modal verbs. Compare and contrast the certainty of your 'Plan A' (the diary entry) with your 'Plan B'. What might happen if Max forgets his map? Justify your prediction using modal verbs.