

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Modal Verbs

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G4.1c) [Using modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility](#)

English Year 5: (5G4.1c) [Indicating degrees of possibility using modal verbs \[for example, might, should, will, must\]](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support the recognition and use of a selection of modal verbs within simple sentences. Word bank provided where appropriate.

Expected Questions to support the recognition and use of modal within more complex sentences with more elements. Word bank provided where necessary.

Greater Depth Questions to support the recognition and use of modal verbs, including those in the negative as well as uncommon ones, within more complex sentences with many elements. No word banks provided.

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Modal Verbs

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1a. Circle the modal verb below.

come ask
call may



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1b. Circle the modal verb below.

feel should
give help



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2a. Underline the modal verb in the sentence below.

Will you be my friend?



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2b. Underline the modal verbs in the sentence below.

You can have a go now.



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3a. Choose an appropriate modal verb from the word bank to complete the sentence below.

She _____ do it with more training.

must	will	could
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3b. Choose an appropriate modal verb from the word bank to complete the sentence below.

I _____ be 12 years old tomorrow.

can	will	would
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4a. Change the statement below to a question. Use the same modal verb.

I must tidy my bedroom.



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4b. Change this statement below to a question. Use the same modal verb.

We shall go to the park.



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5a. Circle the modal verbs below.

being should take
may certain



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5b. Circle the modal verbs below.

very really will
if shall



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6a. Underline the modal verbs in the sentence below.

Please can I open a window as it's hot in here and I may pass out?



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6b. Underline the modal verbs in the sentence below.

I should complete my jobs on time so I can go to the party which will be fab.



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7a. Choose an appropriate modal verb from the word bank to complete the sentence below.

I _____ say sorry if I were you, then you _____ feel much better.

can

will

would

could



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7b. Choose an appropriate modal verb from the word bank to complete the sentence below.

He _____ have left already as he's not answering the door so I _____ leave a note.

should

must

can

shall



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8a. Change the statement below to a question. Use the same modal verb.

We should go to the beach tomorrow if it doesn't rain.



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8b. Change this statement below to a question. Use the same modal verb.

I should take the cat to the vet today as he's been coughing.



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9a. Circle the modal verbs below.

couldn't need might
definite succeed ought



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9b. Circle the modal verbs below.

tentative should positive
can't uncertain will



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10a. Underline the modal verbs in the sentence below.

I shouldn't have played on my game console, then I would have caught the bus and wouldn't have been late for school.



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10b. Underline the modal verbs in the sentence below.

You will not eat anymore of those sweets or you might be sick and you will have to go to bed!



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11a. Choose an appropriate modal verb to complete the sentence below.

I _____ drive to the church at 3pm, even though I _____ be late which _____ be very embarrassing.



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11b. Choose an appropriate modal verb to complete the sentence below.

I _____ go out for a walk later but I _____ put a jumper on, as it _____ get cold later.



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12a. Change the statement below to a question replacing the underlined modal verb with a negative.

It would be spectacular if we could go to the moon for our holiday.



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12b. Change the statement below to a question replacing the underlined modal verb with a negative.

You could have eaten an apple instead of crisps, cake and sweets.



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Developing

- 1a. **may**
- 2a. **will**
- 3a. **will or could**
- 4a. **Must I tidy my bedroom?**

Expected

- 5a. **should, may**
- 6a. **can, may**
- 7a. **would, will**
- 8a. **Should we go to the beach tomorrow if it doesn't rain?**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **couldn't, might, ought**
- 10a. **shouldn't, would, wouldn't**
- 11a. **Various possible answers, for example: could, might, would**
- 12a. **Wouldn't it be spectacular if we could go to the moon for our holiday?**

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Developing

- 1b. **should**
- 2b. **can**
- 3b. **will**
- 4b. **Shall we go to the park?**

Expected

- 5b. **will, shall**
- 6b. **should, will**
- 7b. **must, shall**
- 8b. **Should I take the cat to the vet today as he's been coughing?**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **should, can't, will**
- 10b. **will not, might, will**
- 11b. **Various possible answers, for example: might, must, may**
- 12b. **Couldn't you have eaten an apple rather than crisps, cake and sweets?**