

Modal Verbs

WALT: Identify modal verbs and understand their importance in establishing certainty or possibility.

Verbs - Recap

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- A **verb** is a *doing* word; they show **action** or a **state of being**.
- The verb is usually performed by the subject of the sentence.
- For example:

Action Verbs	State Verbs
Ella quickly ran home.	I am very tired today.
The cauldron bubbled loudly.	We have PE every Tuesday
Rain-filled clouds drifted past.	Harry is a chatterbox.

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- Modal verbs are placed before the main verb and show how **certain** or **possible** something is.
- For example:

Learn is the **main verb**
– it's what you're doing
now!

You **will** **learn** everything you need to about
modal verbs today.

Will is a **modal verb** – it shows
that I am **certain** you will learn
about modal verbs today.

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- The modal verbs are:

will	can	shall	may	must
would	could	should	might	ought

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How does changing the modal verb change the meaning of the sentence?

Sentence	Meaning
Livia may eat her broccoli.	Livia has a choice – she may eat it, she might not – it's up to her to decide.
Livia should eat her broccoli.	It's not still not certain but Livia has less of a choice. 'Should' suggests that there is a strong reason for her to eat the broccoli.
Livia shall eat her broccoli .	Livia is going to eat the broccoli.
Livia must eat her broccoli.	Livia is going to eat it. 'Must' suggests that there may be negative consequences if she doesn't!

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Can you identify the modal verbs in these sentences?

- Your **must** eat all your vegetables if you want pudding.
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- Josh hoped he could finish the game before his mum turned off the Xbox.
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- I would like to come tomorrow, if that's still okay?
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- Modal verbs have a positive and a negative form.
- For example:



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Can you change the modal verbs in these sentences so that they are negative?

- You must touch the big red button.
- I would recommend broccoli sandwiches.
- Oliver may be able to finish on time.
- Fish should be left out of water.
- Ava can remember where she put her headphones.
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Can you change the modal verbs in these sentences so that they are negative?

- You **mustn't** touch the big red button.
- I **wouldn't** recommend broccoli sandwiches.
- Oliver **may not** be able to finish on time.
- Fish **shouldn't** be left out of water.
- Ava **can't** remember where she put her headphones.
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For each sentence decide whether the modal indicates certainty or possibility.

Sentence	Certainty / Possibility
You will do your homework.	Certainty
Miss Fenton can ice skate.	Certainty
I might be able to come on Thursday.	Possibility
Mr Bartlett won't be pleased to see this mess.	Certainty
It could rain at the weekend.	Possibility
It may not be ruined.	Possibility