

Modal Verbs

What is a modal verb?

A modal verb is a verb which indicates possibility, ability, permission or obligation.

Examples

can/could may/might, will/would, shall/should and must

Shelly can swim 15 lengths of the pool.

We should make sure we wash our hands thoroughly.

We must make sure we have fun whilst keeping safe.

Step 1: Follow the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zps4pbk>

Step 2: Watch the video clip carefully, more than once if you need to.

Step 3: Complete interactive activity 1 from the website, highlighting the modal verbs.

Step 4: Test your knowledge with the quiz.

Step 5: Complete activity 3, the sheet is attached below.

1. Choose one of these modal verbs to complete each of these sentences – you can use each one more than once if you need to.

can

might

will

should

can't

mightn't

won't

shouldn't

- a) Pasha _____ try her hardest at school.
- b) He is so tired, he _____ keep his eyes open.
- c) Tom is a great footballer. He _____ even play in goal!
- d) If she keeps trying hard, she _____ just have a chance.
- e) He is still learning. He _____ do his shoe laces up just yet.
- f) You _____ hurt people or steal things.
- g) When you have finished eating, you _____ wash your plate.
- h) When they get there, they _____ find it waiting for them.
- i) The cold makes it likely there _____ be icy roads tomorrow.
- j) When I am older, I _____ be a millionaire.

Complete the Sentences with Modal Verbs

Answers



1. Choose one of these modal verbs to complete each of these sentences – you can use each one more than once if you need to.

As these sentences make sense with a variety of modal verbs, the suggested answer is for 'best fit' only.

- a) Pasha should try her hardest at school.
- b) He is so tired, he can't keep his eyes open.
- c) Tom is a great footballer. He can even play in goal!
- d) If she keeps trying hard, she might just have a chance.
- e) He is still learning. He can't do his shoe laces up just yet.
- f) You shouldn't hurt people or steal things.
- g) When you have finished eating, you should wash your plate.
- h) When they get there, they should find it waiting for them.
- i) The cold makes it likely there will be icy roads tomorrow.
- j) When I am older I might be a millionaire.