

Modal Verbs

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would shall might
can must may
will should ought could

They cannot be in a sentence on their own. They need to have another verb after them.

Modal Verb + Verb
He would play if he had his boots.

Speaking and
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As a class, put these in order. Which is most likely to happen?

He **may** play if he had his boots.

He **should** play if he had his boots.

He **must** play if he had his boots.

He **would** play if he had his boots.

He **can** play if he had his boots.

He **might** play if he had his boots.

Most likely



Least likely



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Add a suitable modal verb to these sentences...

- 1) I _____ help you if I had time.
- 2) You _____ have told a teacher.
- 3) You _____ put your trousers on after your underwear.

Complete these sentence using a negative form of the modal (eg: can becomes cannot or can't)

- 4) They _____ go shopping if they had no money.
- 5) He _____ score a goal if he had no boots.
- 6) I _____ help you if you are mean to me.

In your books complete these sentences that include modal verbs.

- 7) If I always do my homework I should...
- 8) We could ... if we won the lottery.
- 9) If I was headteacher I must...

Create your own modal verb sentences.