

Modal Verbs



Some verbs are used to give more information about the main verb in a sentence. Modal verbs often show how certain or possible something is.

We might play golf.

We will play golf.

We shall play golf.

We may play golf.

1 Circle the modal verbs in the sentences below.

I wouldn't want to be famous.

Roger should know better.

Tim should change his socks.

We shall do our very best.

Laura may know the answer.

I could drive us there.

He will give us some advice.

Sally might move to Canada.

They can come too.

You ought to know better.

2 Underline the correct modal verbs to complete the sentences below.

Our holiday must / should have been relaxing, but it was very stressful.

I could / will have gone with Johnny, but I had other things to do.

That might / shall be the answer, but I'm not so sure.

Ken and Peter are away next week — they would / must let Katie know.

The builders knew they could / shall finish the job on time.

I'm really not sure about what to do — I might / would ask a friend.

Julie's not feeling well — she would / ought to stay in bed.

3

Add the correct modal verb from the box to the sentences below.

ought could might would should

I as well go to the party on my own.

Norman would go on holiday to Australia if he afford it.

..... you like a piece of apple crumble?

If you change your mind, you let me know.

300 ml of milk to be enough for the pancake mixture.

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Write a sentence of your own using each of the modal verbs below.

★ **Extra Challenge**
Try to think of some other modal verbs, then write sentences using them.

might

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must

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will

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should

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"I can use modal verbs correctly." 