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Modal verbs

Indicating degrees of possibility using modal verbs.

Modal verbs are used with the infinitive form of another verb. Choose a modal verb and match it with a verb infinitive, using a line like the one in the example.

Modal verb	Infinitive verb
will	interrupt
won't	understand
may	mention
would	hesitate
must	guarantee
mustn't	appreciate
could	exaggerate
should	practise
might	communicate
can	recognise

Choose modal verbs to complete this table to show how modal verbs can indicate the possibility of something happening.

Impossible	Possible	Certain

Challenge: Now write sentences for the matched modal verbs and infinitives from the first table.

Year 5 Answers

In some questions, alternative answers may be acceptable. The likeliest answers are given below. If questions have more than one answer, teachers should use their own judgement when marking.

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(second table, some possibilities below)

Impossible	Possible	Certain
won't	may	will
mustn't	would	must
can't	can	
	could	
	should	
	might	

