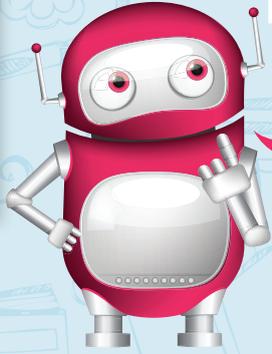


Modal verbs

Recap



Modal verbs go before other verbs. The modal verbs are:

can

could

would

shall

may

might

should

must

will

A modal verb expresses degrees of possibility: I **could** play football.

Revise

Modal verbs tell us how likely an action is.

1. Whether someone is able to do something:

Ellie **can** read in assembly.

2. How likely something is:

He **must** walk the dog, after tea.

They express degrees of certainty.

Must is more certain than **could**. **May** is less certain than **will**.



Skills check

1. Choose the best modal verb to complete each sentence.

a. _____ I go to the bathroom, please?

b. We _____ go to the cinema this afternoon.

c. They _____ be going on holiday on Saturday.

2. Put a tick in each row to show the type of modal verb for the underlined words in each sentence.

Sentence	Modal verb of possibility	Modal verb of certainty
Sunita <u>should</u> tidy her bedroom.		
Sunita <u>must</u> tidy her bedroom.		
Sunita <u>might</u> tidy her bedroom.		
Sunita <u>can</u> tidy her bedroom.		

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