

SPAG Modal Verbs Quiz

Using Modal Verbs to Indicate Degrees of Possibility Mini Test

1. Tick all of the sentences which contain **modal verbs**.

- I like chips because they taste nice.
- I like singing but I prefer dancing.
- I might be going on holiday at the weekend.
- Dust mites are everywhere but they are so small we can't see them.
- He should have scored. It was an open goal!

total marks

5 marks

2. Underline all of the **modal verbs** in the sentence below:

It would have been amazing if we had beaten the record. We knew we could have and as the minutes ticked down, we really thought we would. There is a lot of belief in the team that we can do this, and we might be back next year for another attempt.

5 marks

3. Choose one of these **modal verbs** to complete the sentences. You may only use each one once.

- will
- could not
- may
- should
- can

5 marks

- a) Try as she might, she _____ get the ball in the tiny hole.
- b) If Hamza doesn't already brush his teeth well, then what the dentist told him _____ make him try harder.
- c) For all we know, that _____ be the quickest route after all.
- d) Letitia has improved a lot – she _____ do things she never would have dreamed of when she began.
- e) Because it is an emergency, I _____ get there as quickly as I can.

total for

4. Can you give a piece of advice to these people with a problem using the **modal verbs** would, could and should?

3 marks

- a) Help! I have moved to a new school and I feel like I don't have any friends.

- b) Help! Two friends have invited me to parties at the same time on the same day.

- c) Help! I have always liked to wear unusual clothes but now people at school have begun to tease me.

5. Use and underline a **modal verb** in each of your sentences to explain how likely the following events are to happen...

4 marks

Winning the lottery - e.g. I might not win the lottery because such a lot of people enter.

a) Learning to play an instrument.

b) Getting married.

c) Learning to drive a car.

d) Becoming famous.

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