

SPAG - Modal Verbs.

Read the information below, before having a go at the task.

Modal Verbs

- Modal verbs are placed before the main verb and show how **certain** or **possible** something is.
- For example:

Learn is the **main verb** - it's what you're doing now!

You **will** **learn** everything you need to about modal verbs today.

Will is a **modal verb** - it shows that I am **certain** you will learn about modal verbs today.

Modal Verbs

- The modal verbs are:

will	can	shall	may	must
would	could	should	might	ought

Task 1:

Modal Verbs

Can you sort the modal verbs into those which indicate certainty and those which indicate possibility?

TIP
If you're finding it tricky, put the modal verb into a sentence.

Certainty	Possibility	
		could
		shall
		must
		would
		ought
		should

will

can

may

might

could

shall

must

would

ought

should

Read this information before completing the next task.

How does changing the modal verb change the meaning of the sentence?

Sentence	Meaning
Livia may eat her broccoli.	Livia has a choice - she may eat it, she might not - it's up to her to decide.
Livia should eat her broccoli.	It's not still not certain but Livia has less of a choice. 'Should' suggests that there is a strong reason for her to eat the broccoli.
Livia shall eat her broccoli .	Livia is going to eat the broccoli.
Livia must eat her broccoli.	Livia is going to eat it. 'Must' suggests that there may be negative consequences if she doesn't!

Task 2:

Modal Verbs

Can you identify the modal verbs in these sentences?

- You **must** eat all your vegetables if you want pudding.
- Josh **hoped** he **could** finish the game before his mum turned off the Xbox.
- I **would** like to come tomorrow, if that's still okay?

Read this information before completing task 3.

Modal Verbs

- Modal verbs have a positive and a negative form.
- For example:



Task 3:

Modal Verbs

Can you change the modal verbs in these sentences so that they are negative?

- You must touch the big red button.
- I would recommend broccoli sandwiches.
- Oliver may be able to finish on time.
- Fish should be left out of water.
- Ava can remember where she put her headphones.
- "I will take your half of the chocolate bar," Ralf promised.