

1. Choose one of these modal verbs to complete each of these sentences.  
You may only use each once so cross it off when you have used it!

can

might

will

should

would

can't

may

must

shouldn't

couldn't

- a) Pasha \_\_\_\_\_ complete her homework.
- b) He was so tired he \_\_\_\_\_ keep his eyes open.
- c) Tom is a great footballer. He \_\_\_\_\_ even play in goal!
- d) If she keeps trying hard, she \_\_\_\_\_ just have a chance.
- e) He is still learning. He \_\_\_\_\_ do his shoe laces up just yet.
- f) You \_\_\_\_\_ hurt people or steal things.
- g) When you have finished, you \_\_\_\_\_ leave the table.
- h) It has been ordered, so when they get there, they \_\_\_\_\_ find it waiting for them.
- i) The bitter cold makes it certain there \_\_\_\_\_ be icy roads tomorrow.
- j) I \_\_\_\_\_ happily swap places with a millionaire.

1. Consider the situations below and see if you can create a sentence using **one of the modal verbs** supplied with the situation. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

**Example:** An elephant jumps into a swimming pool.

might

must not

should

*Everyone should get out in case all of the water splashes out!*

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a) A bull gets loose in a supermarket.

may

shouldn't

could

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b) A teddy bear plays up front for Manchester United.

will

can

would

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c) It rains non-stop for a month.

wouldn't (would not)

ought to

might not

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d) A shark has a wrestling match with a bear.

can

might not (mightn't)

could

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e) A chocolate river is found in South America.

must

may not (mayn't)

could

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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!

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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.