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Learning Objective

- To use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility.

Steps for Success

- To give examples of modal verbs.
- To use modal verbs in my sentences to show how possible or likely something is.
- To use modal verbs in my story context.

Modal Verbs

Modal verbs help to build phrases. They are often used to express possibility (how likely or possible something is to happen).

Can anyone think of any examples of modal verbs?

Examples of modal verbs

will

may

could

can

might

must

should

ought

would

Modal Verbs in Context

Can you identify the modal verbs in these sentences from 'The Dual World of Anders Arnfield'?

1. Behind the great house, over his shoulder, he could sense the path to freedom.

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Sentences with modal verbs

Activity

- Your independent task is to complete each sentence on the Dreams Modal Verbs Activity Sheet using your choice of a suitable modal verb.
- You may be able to think of more than one verb to complete each sentence, so you can decide on which one is the best choice.
- Afterwards, we will use the modal verbs we have practised to create our own new sentences, which could be used in the context of the story we are planning.



Dreams Modal Verbs

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1. Complete the sentences below using one of the modal verbs from the box. Try to use as many different examples from the box as you can but you won't need to use every one.

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- This _____ be happening!
- I'm sure I _____ wake up soon.
- That creature _____ have really been here, could it?
- I think I _____ have dreamt something very strange.
- I _____ be the only person who can see what is going on.
- Perhaps, I _____ try relaxing more before bedtime.

2. Use these or any other modal verbs to write some sentences of your own. Try to think of sentences which would fit into your story drafts.

Support sheet



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Main Sheet



Dreams Modal Verbs

I can use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility.



Challenge Sheet

1. Complete each of the sentences below using a suitable modal verb. There may be more than one possible answer for each sentence, so list other modal verbs for each sentence that would also make sense.

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may	would	couldn't	must	won't

Complete the sentences	Other suitable modal verbs
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c. That creature _____ have really been here, could it?	c.
d. I think I _____ have dreamt something very strange.	d.
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