Modal verbs

What is a modal verb?

A modal verb is a special type of verb.

Modal verbs change or affect other verbs in a sentence. They are used to show the level of possibility, indicate ability, show obligation or give permission. Modal verbs behave differently to 'ordinary' verbs.

The most common modal verbs are:

- will
- would
- should
- could
- may
- can
- shall
- ought to
- must
- might

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Modal verbs are important for expressing a degree of certainty. The main modal verbs are will, would, can, could, may, might, shall, should, must and ought.

- I will have my dinner at school.
- I might go to the cinema later with my friends.
- · You should wear a coat when it's cold.

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Now try these activities

a) I could help you if I had the time. b) You should have told your teacher. c) You must put your trousers on after your underwear. d) I might go shopping after I have finished school. e) Wasif will be an amazing scientist. Activity 2 Choose the correct modal verb to complete each sentence. a) Our school team win the football match. (would, ought, should) b) We really remember to take our swimming costumes to the beach (may, might, must) c) Do you think it rain today?	Underline the modal verb in each of the sentences below.	
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will	would	A
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c) You	listen to all the instructions.	
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