



Year 6 - Grammar Task Week 2 - 30.03.2020

This week's Grammar tasks are all about modal verbs.

Read the information below to refresh your memory about what we covered in class earlier this year, then do **at least one** of the challenges.

Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs which cannot usually work alone.
They are used with a main verb.

These are **modal verbs**:

might

will

should

may

would

can

could

must

shall

ought to

Modal verbs make questions by inversion.

She **can** go out.

Can she go out?



We **could** drive there.

Could we drive there?



Children **should** eat fruit.

Should children eat fruit?



Modal verbs can be used to show how possible something is, or how likely it is to happen/have happened.

For example:

He's very late. He **could have missed** the train.



It's snowing so it **must be** very cold outside.



They **will lock** the windows when they go out.



Modal verbs can also be used to show:

advice or obligation

Pupils **must** wear a uniform.

You **should** not smoke.



habits

I **will** often have cereal for my breakfast.

We **shall** always enjoy a walk in the park.



permission

May I leave a few minutes early?

Could we go to the post box on the way?

Please can we have an ice cream?



ability

I **can** drive a tractor.

My grandfather **could** draw very well.





Complete the Sentences with Modal Verbs

1. Choose one of these modal verbs to complete each of these sentences – you can use each one more than once if you need to.

can

might

will

should

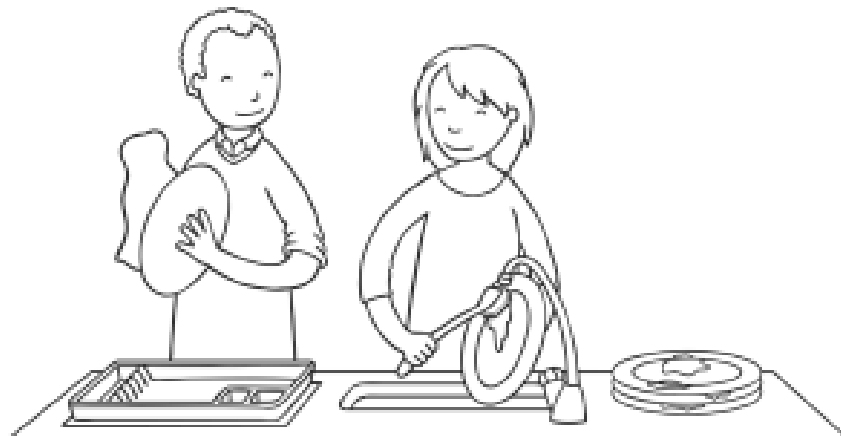
can't

mightn't

won't

shouldn't

- a) Pasha _____ try her hardest at school.
- b) He is 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 eating, you _____ wash your plate.
- h) When they get there, they _____ find it waiting for them.
- i) The cold makes it likely there _____ be icy roads tomorrow.
- j) When I am older, I _____ be a millionaire.





Complete the Sentences with Modal Verbs

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. In some sentences, there are multiple modal verbs which could be used. In the right hand column of the table below, write down all of the modal verbs which could fit each sentence. Cover the word list to provide an extra challenge!

can	might	will	should	would
can't	may	must	shouldn't	couldn't

a) Pasha _____ do 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.	

Answers:

- ★ 1. Choose one of these modal verbs to complete each of these sentences – you can use each one more than once if you need to.

As these sentences make sense with a variety of modal verbs, the suggested answer is for 'best fit' only.

- a) Pasha should try her hardest at school.
- b) He is so tired, he can't keep his eyes open.
- c) Tom is a great footballer. He can even play in goal!
- d) If she keeps trying hard, she might just have a chance.
- e) He is still learning. He can't do his shoe laces up just yet.
- f) You shouldn't hurt people or steal things.
- g) When you have finished eating, you should wash your plate.
- h) When they get there, they should find it waiting for them.
- i) The cold makes it likely there will be icy roads tomorrow.
- j) When I am older I might be a millionaire.

- ★★ 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!

As these sentences make sense with a variety of modal verbs, the suggested answer is for 'best fit' only.

- a) Pasha must complete her homework.
- b) He was so tired he couldn't keep his eyes open.
- c) Tom is a great footballer. He can even play in goal!
- d) If she keeps trying hard, she might just have a chance.
- e) He is still learning. He can't do his shoe laces up just yet.
- f) You shouldn't hurt people or steal things.
- g) When you have finished, you may leave the table.
- h) It has been ordered, so when they get there, they should find it waiting for them.
- i) The bitter cold makes it certain there will be icy roads tomorrow.
- j) I would happily swap places with a millionaire.



1. In some sentences there are multiple modal verbs which could be used. In the right hand column of the table below, write down the modal verbs which would make sense in the sentence given.

Answers are just suggested – there may be some discussion about whether individual words make sense in given sentences.

a) Pasha _____ do her homework.	<i>can, may, might, will, must</i>
b) He was so tired he _____ keep his eyes open.	<i>couldn't, wouldn't</i>
c) Tom is a great footballer. He _____ even play in goal!	<i>can, may, might, will, would, must, should</i>
d) If she keeps trying hard, she _____ just have a chance.	<i>may, might, will, must, should</i>
e) He is still learning. He _____ do his shoe laces up just yet.	<i>can't</i>
f) You _____ hurt people or steal things.	<i>will, can't, shouldn't</i>
g) When you have finished, you _____ leave the table.	<i>may, can, must, might, should, can't, shouldn't</i>
h) It has been ordered, so when they get there, they _____ find it waiting for them.	<i>may, might, will, must, should</i>
i) The bitter cold makes it certain there _____ be icy roads tomorrow.	<i>may, might, will</i>
j) I _____ happily swap places with a millionaire.	<i>would, wouldn't, might, will,</i>