

Friday 26th February 2021

L.C. Can you recognise and explain how modal verbs can change the meaning of a sentence?

Starter – Fact or Opinion?

- Purple is the best colour.
- Wednesday comes after Tuesday.
- It's freezing outside!
- Some animals are kept in cages.
- Zoos should be banned.
- The next season will be Spring.

How can you tell the difference between fact and opinion?

Within a balanced argument, where might you find examples of both fact and opinion?

These words are all...

run

think

could

might

love

show

decide

make

must

- Which word class do you see?
- What is their purpose?
- Are there any that don't belong in this group?

What is a modal verb?



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zps4pbk>

Can you spot the modal verb?

- Sarah could count to 10 in reception.
- Max will be late today.
- I might need some extra help with this question.
- They couldn't believe their eyes.

Degrees of possibility

could

should

must

might

can

will

Least likely

Most likely



Task 1

- Identify the modal verb in each sentence and underline or highlight it.
- Order the sentences from most to least likely to happen using numbers 1-10.

How can modal verbs change the meaning of a sentence?

- Sophie will go to the doctors.
- Sophie might go to the doctors?

How has the meaning changed? Is she now more or less likely to go?

- Andrew might buy a new car next week.
- Andrew _____ buy a new car next week.

Which modal verb could we add to make the event **more** likely?

- Polly shall remember her homework tomorrow.
- Polly _____ remember her homework tomorrow.

Which modal verb could we add to make the event **less** likely?

Can you use modal verbs to describe?



Task 2

- Answer the questions about modal verbs using the coloured boxes as a guide.
- For the large green box, you will need to write in full sentences.