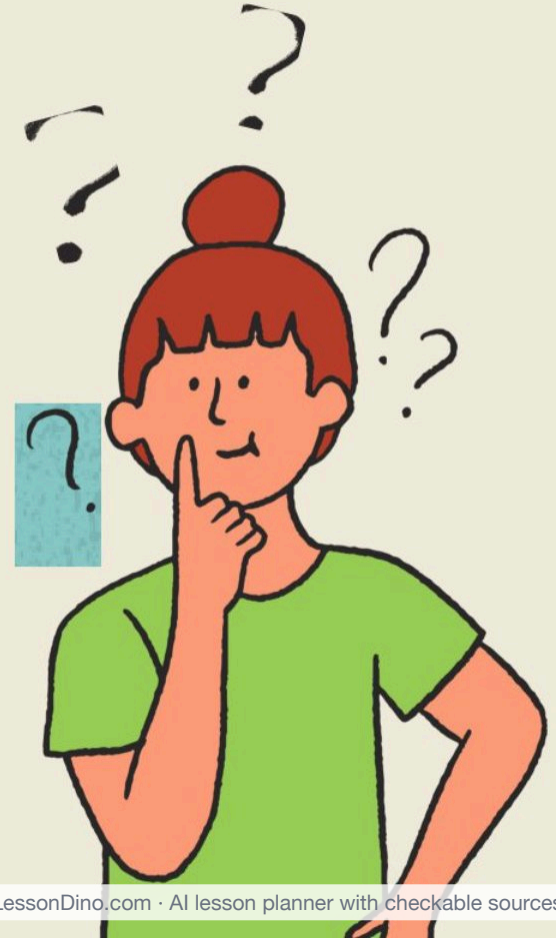
Might, Must or Will?

Showing how possible things are





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Today we will...



WE ARE LEARNING TO

- use modal verbs to show possibility
- use adverbs to show how sure we are
- choose stronger or weaker words on purpose

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- ✓ I can spot a modal verb
- ✓ I can write weak to strong possibility sentences

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Modal verbs are helping verbs

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must / will

Very sure. It must be nearly home time.

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should

Quite sure. It should be sunny at break.

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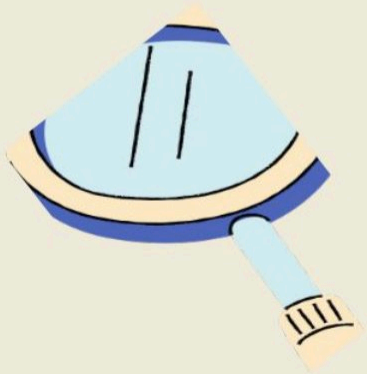
may / might

Possible. It might rain after lunch.

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could / can't

Unsure or impossible. It can't snow today.



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ONLY A FEW HELPERS

10

main modal verbs in English

We use a few of them to show possibility.



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How sure are you?

Grey clouds gather. What would you say?

A It might rain later.

B It will rain later.

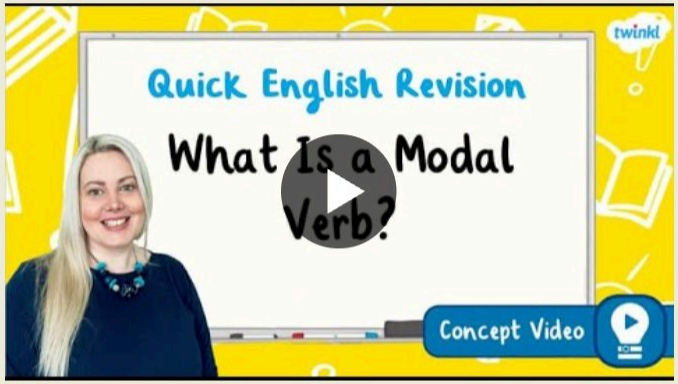
C It must rain later.



Vote with your hands, then explain why.

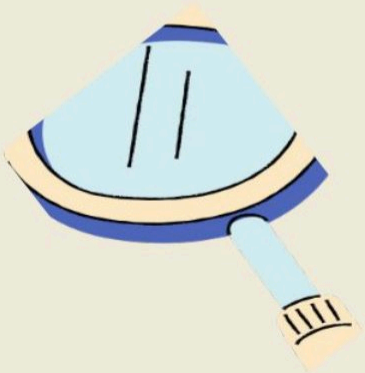
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What is a modal verb?



▶ 0:00 – 4:00

- Listen for words that show possibility
- Clap when you hear might, must or will



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Adverbs add shades too

⭐

definitely

Very sure. We will definitely finish today.

👍

probably

Quite sure. The team will probably win.

🤔

possibly / perhaps

Not sure. We may possibly go outside.

🚫

certainly not

Sure it will not happen. It certainly will not snow.

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Sing the possibility scale



▶ 0:00 – 2:51

- Join in with the song words
- Notice which words sound strong or weak

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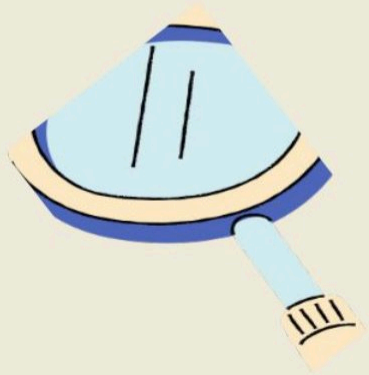
Your task

In pairs, write four forecast sentences with different strengths.

1. Pick one idea: break time, a game, a trip.
2. Write one certain, two possible, one impossible sentence.
3. Underline the modal verb or adverb.

10 min

In pairs



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Pick the right strength

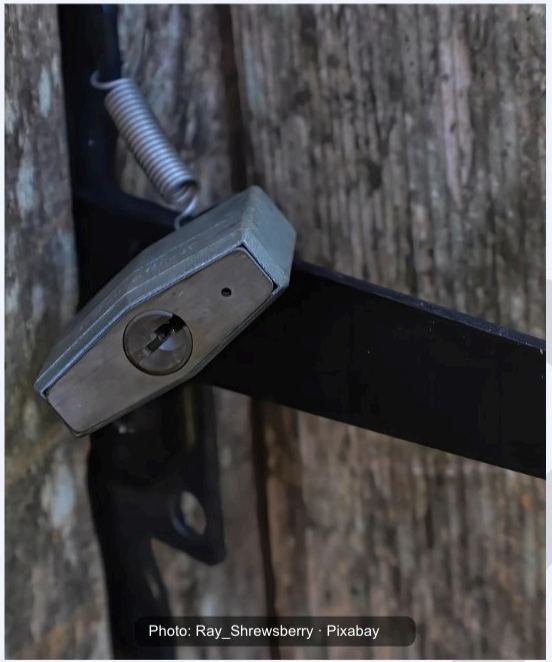
1. How sure are you? 0 to 100?
2. Pick weak, middle or strong word
3. Put modal before base verb
4. Read aloud. Does it sound right?

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Think, pair, share

A student says the gate must be locked. Your partner says it might be locked. What is different about how sure they are?





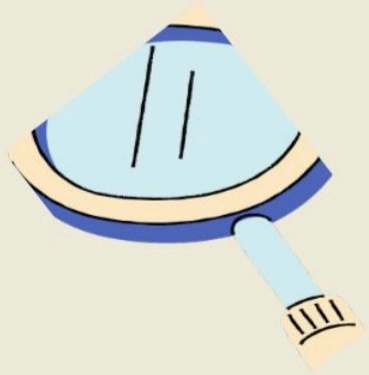
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Exit ticket

1. One thing I learnt today...

2. My sentence with might or must...

3. One question I still have...



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