

Modal verbs

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1 Which sentence does NOT contain a modal verb? Tick one.

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| ☐ I would bake the cake. | ☐ He will walk to school. |
| ☐ He may break the window. | ☐ He walked to school. |

2 Which sentence contains a modal verb? Tick one.

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| ☐ They built a sandcastle. | ☐ We might bake the cake. |
| ☐ We kick the ball. | ☐ The children played football. |

3 Which sentence contains a modal verb? Tick one.

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| ☐ She bakes the cake. | ☐ He would build a sandcastle. |
| ☐ We write a letter. | ☐ She walked to school. |

4 Which word is NOT a modal verb? Tick one.

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| ☐ shall | ☐ jump | ☐ ought to | ☐ must |
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5 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

He must finish my homework.

6 Which sentence contains a modal verb? Tick one.

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| ☐ I built a sandcastle. | ☐ We baked the cake. |
| ☐ I build a sandcastle. | ☐ The children could play football. |

7 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

They would play football.

8 Which sentence contains a modal verb? Tick one.

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|---|--|
| ☐ The children walked to school. | ☐ I build a sandcastle. |
| ☐ I could bake the cake. | ☐ She broke the window. |

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- 9 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

We can play football.

- 10 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

He shall finish my homework.

- 11 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

He must walk to school.

- 12 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

I can walk to school.

- 13 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

She can finish my homework.

- 14 Which sentence contains a modal verb? Tick one.

☐ He breaks the window.

☐ I should play football.

☐ They walked to school.

☐ We walked to school.

- 15 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

They should write a letter.

- 16 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

He might write a letter.

- 17 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

We can finish my homework.

- 18 Circle the modal verb in the sentence.

She could write a letter.

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- 1 He walked to school.
- 2 We might bake the cake.
- 3 He would build a sandcastle.
- 4 jump
- 5 must
- 6 The children could play football.
- 7 would
- 8 I could bake the cake.
- 9 can
- 10 shall
- 11 must
- 12 can
- 13 can
- 14 I should play football.
- 15 should
- 16 might
- 17 can
- 18 could

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