



# Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations

1. Consider the situations below and see if you can create a sentence using **one of the modal verbs** supplied with the situation. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

**Example:** An elephant jumps into a swimming pool.

might

must not

should

*Everyone should get out in case all of the water splashes out!*

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a) A bull gets loose in a supermarket.

may

shouldn't

could

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b) A teddy bear plays up front for Manchester United.

will

can

would

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c) It rains non-stop for a month.

wouldn't (would not)

ought to

might not

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d) A shark has a wrestling match with a bear.

can

might not (mightn't)

could

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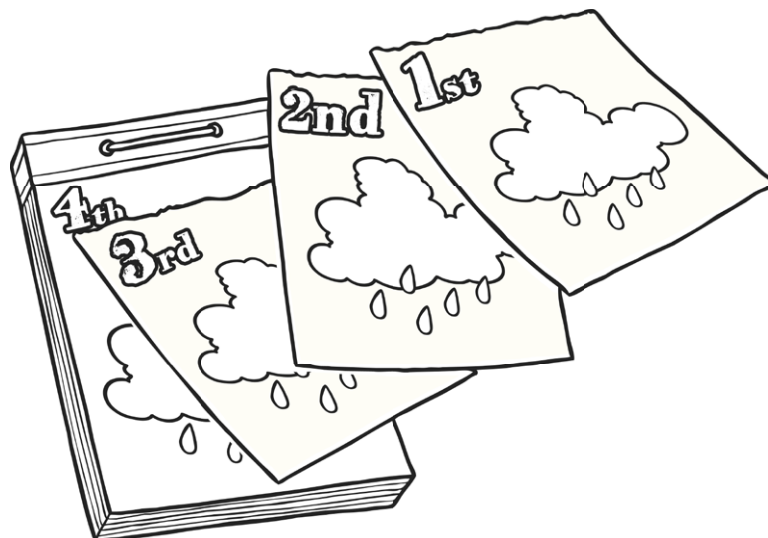
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Challenge:

2. For the following situations make **your own choice of a modal verb** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

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b) An alien attack fleet approaches Earth.

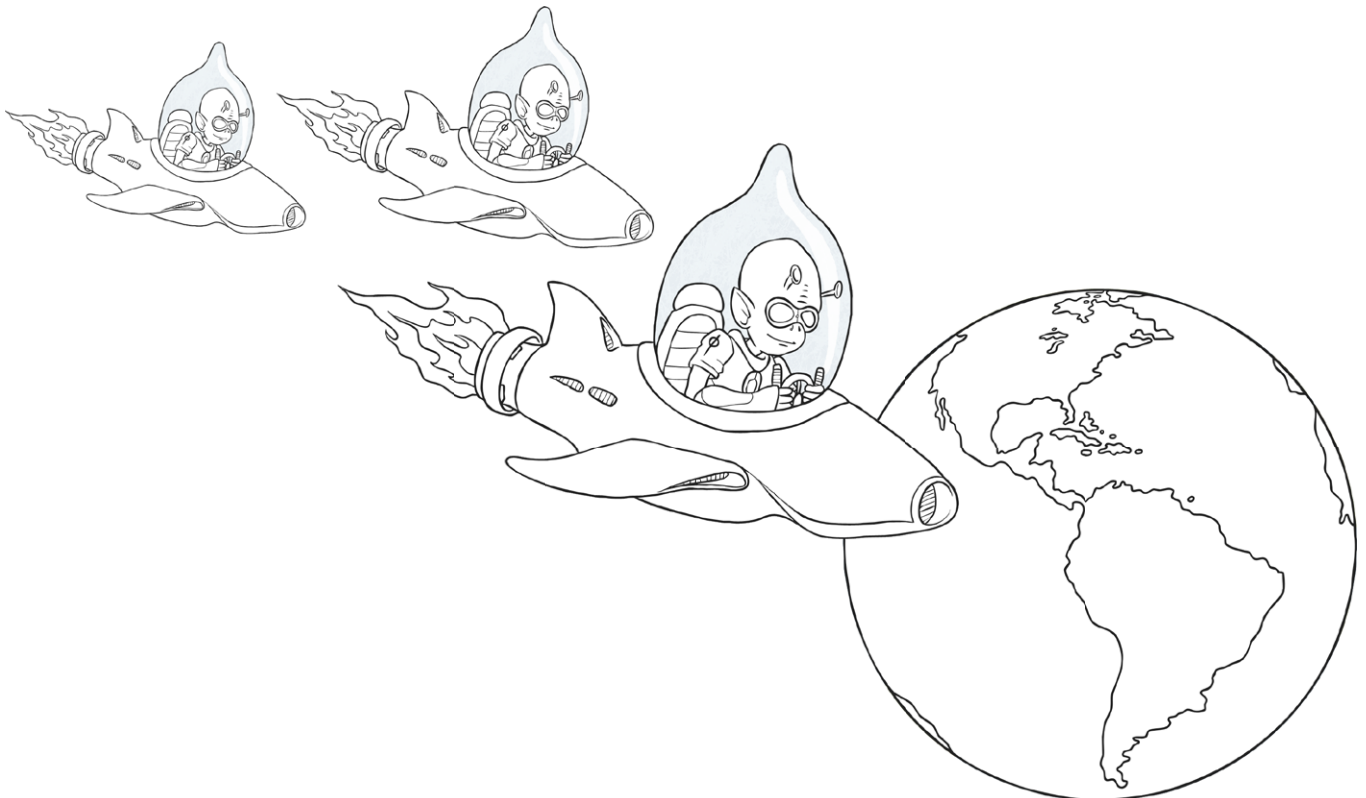
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c) A cat attempts to climb Mount Everest.

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d) The police start recruiting children to join the force.

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# Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations

1. Consider the situations below and see if you can create a sentence which uses **two of the modal verbs** supplied with the situation. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

**Example:** An elephant jumps into a swimming pool.

**might**

**must not**

**should**

*It might be okay for elephants to swim without clothes in the wild but when they are in the swimming pool, they should wear a costume like everybody else.*

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**shouldn't**

**could**

**b)** A teddy bear plays up front for Manchester United.

**will**

**can**

**would**

**c)** It rains non-stop for a month.

**wouldn't (would not)**

**ought to**

**might not**

**d)** A shark has a wrestling match with a bear.

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**e)** A chocolate river is found in South America.

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# Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations

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2. For the following situations make **your own choice of two modal verbs** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

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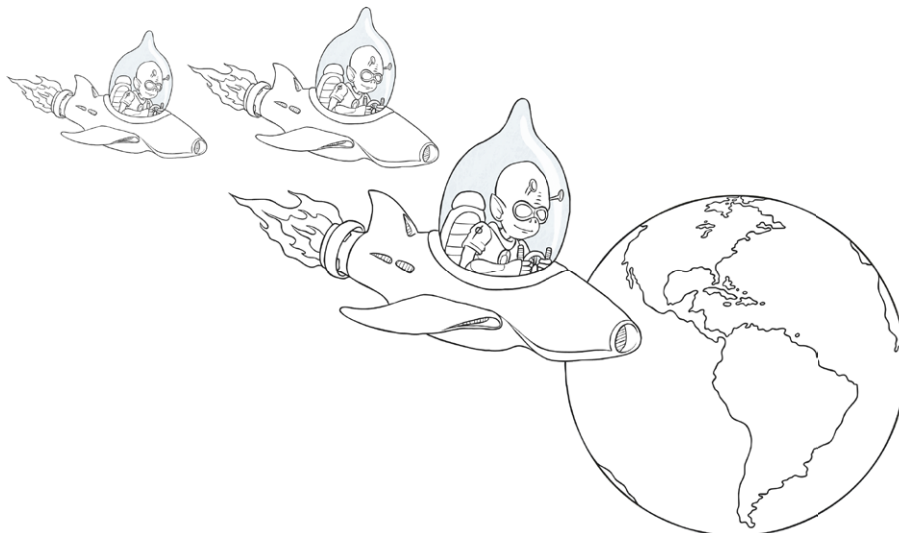
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# Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations

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**Example:** An elephant jumps into a swimming pool.

might

must not

should

*Although some people might disagree, my feeling is that elephants should wear swimming costumes and must not be allowed to swim if they don't.*

a) A bull gets loose in a supermarket.

may

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b) A teddy bear plays up front for Manchester United.

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c) It rains non-stop for a month.

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# Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations

Challenge:

2. For the following situations make **your own choice of at least 3 modal verbs** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

a) Some cows form a band and release a single.

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b) An alien attack fleet approaches Earth.

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c) A cat attempts to climb Mount Everest.

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d) The police start recruiting children to join the force.

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1. Consider the situations below and see if you can create a sentence using **one of the modal verbs** supplied with the situation. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.


Suggested possible answers.

- a) There **may** be some tidying up to do.  
There **could** be some slightly nervous shoppers.  
Bulls **shouldn't** be allowed in supermarkets.
- b) **Will** he score the winning goal?  
No one **can** perform overhead kicks like he can.  
**Would** any other teams be interested in signing him?
- c) It **wouldn't** be a good month for a barbecue.  
We **ought to** buy a boat.  
It **might not** ever stop!
- d) This one **could** go either way.  
The bear **can** swim but the shark is in trouble on land.  
This **might not** be a good event for spectators.
- e) This **must** be the first one ever found.  
The Brazilians **may not** be keen to share it.  
There **could** be a big rise in tourists to the area.

2. For the following situations make **your own choice of a modal verb** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

Suggested possible answers.

- a) There **might not** be all that much demand for cow tunes.  
They **could** be the first animals to top the charts.  
They **shouldn't** let success go to their heads.
- b) The spaceships **might** be the size of flies.  
The invasion **may** ruin some people's day.  
We **ought to** ask them to stay for tea.
- c) If it fell off the top **would** it land on its paws?  
It **might** get blown off the slopes in a gale.  
I **wouldn't** let my cat climb a mountain.
- d) This **will** be an interesting experiment.  
Children **can** be effective law enforcers.  
**Would** children catch more criminals than adults?

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1. Consider the situations below and see if you can create a sentence which uses **two of the modal verbs** supplied with the situation. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

Suggested possible answers.

- a) There **may** be some tidying up to do but it **shouldn't** be too bad as long as no-one holds up a red blanket.
  - b) Only the best **will** be able to stop this bear who **can** perform so many skilful moves.
  - c) It **wouldn't** be a good time for our barbecue, we **ought to** have a puddle-jumping party instead.
  - d) This one **could** go either way - the bear **can** swim but the shark is in trouble on land.
  - e) This **must** be the first one ever found and the locals **may not** be keen to share it.
2. For the following situations make **your own choice of two modal verbs** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

Suggested possible answers.

- a) They **could** be the first animals to top the charts but they **shouldn't** let success go to their heads.
- b) The spaceships **may** only be the size of flies but the invasion **might** still ruin some people's day.
- c) Cats **can** climb well, and a cat **would** be able to cling on to the mountain even if strong winds and gales were blowing.
- d) This **will** be an interesting experiment because usually children **can** tell when someone is up to no good.





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Suggested possible answers.

- a) There **may** be some tidying up to do and there **could** be some slightly nervous shoppers because bulls **shouldn't** really be allowed in supermarkets.
  - b) No one **can** perform overhead kicks like him and many other teams **would** love to have him – he **will** score the winning goal again.
  - c) It **wouldn't** be a good month for a barbecue, but we **ought to** make sure we don't just stay inside because it **might not** stop!
  - d) This one **could** go either way because although the bear **can** swim it **would** be no match for the shark in the water.
  - e) This must be the first chocolate river ever found and although there **could** be a big rise in tourists to the area, the locals **may not** be keen to share it.
2. For the following situations make **your own choice of at least 3 modal verbs** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

Suggested possible answers.

- a) They **could** be the first cows to top the charts although they **shouldn't** be surprised if the record doesn't sell well as there **might not** be all that much demand for cow tunes.
- b) The spaceships **might** have travelled a long way and although some Earthlings **may** be frightened, we **ought to** ask them to stay for tea.
- c) I **wouldn't** let my cat climb a mountain, it **might** blow off the slopes in a gale. Although if it did fall off the top at least it **would** land on its paws.
- d) This **will** be an interesting development because children **can** be good judges of what **should** and **shouldn't** be allowed.