

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. Challenge:

a) **Example:** An elephant jumps into a swimming pool. **might** **must not** **should**
_____ Everyone should get out in case all of the water splashes out! _____

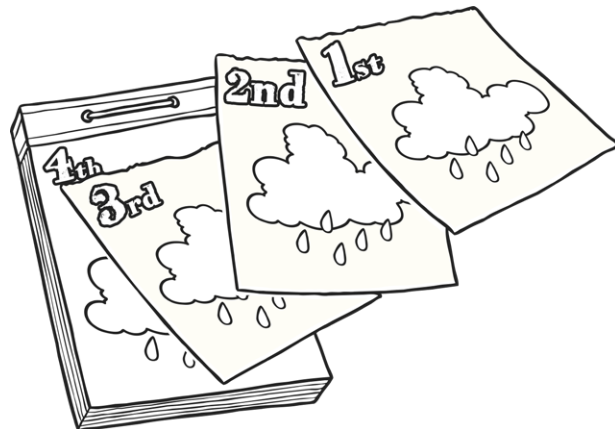
a) A bull gets loose in a supermarket. **may** **shouldn't** **could**

b) A teddy bear plays up front for Adelaide United FC. **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. **can** **might not (mightn't)** **could**

e) A chocolate river is found in South America. **must** **may not (mayn't)** **could**



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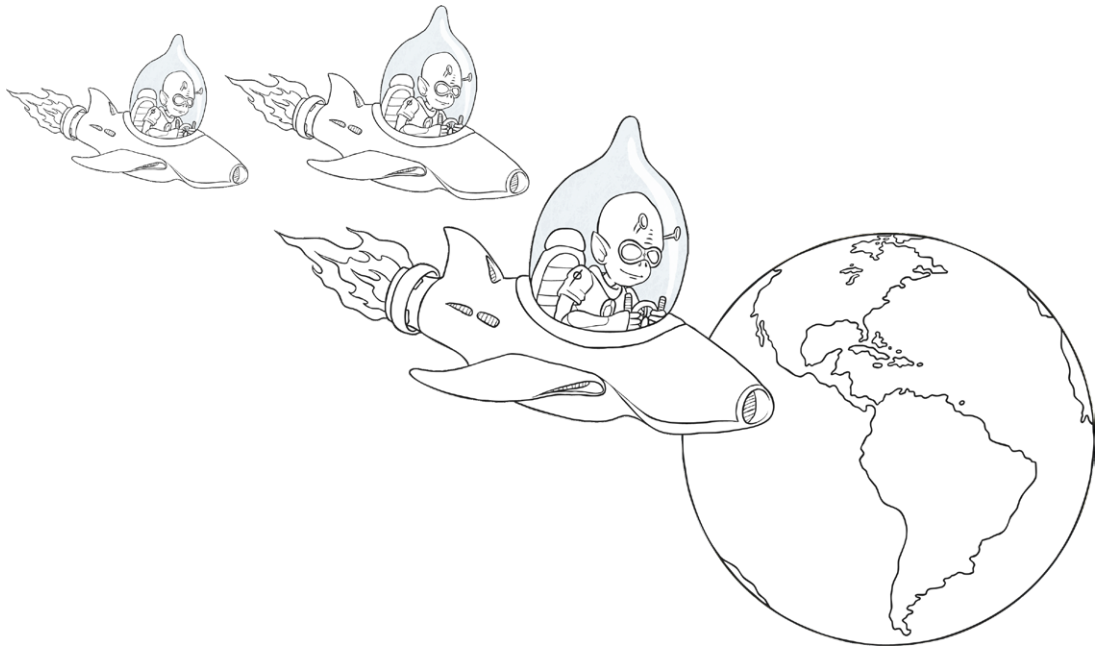
2. For the following situations make **your own choice of a modal verb** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

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

b) An alien attack fleet approaches Earth.

c) A cat attempts to climb Mount Everest.

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



Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations Answers

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?

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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b) A teddy bear plays up front for Adelaide United FC.

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c) It rains non-stop for a month.

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

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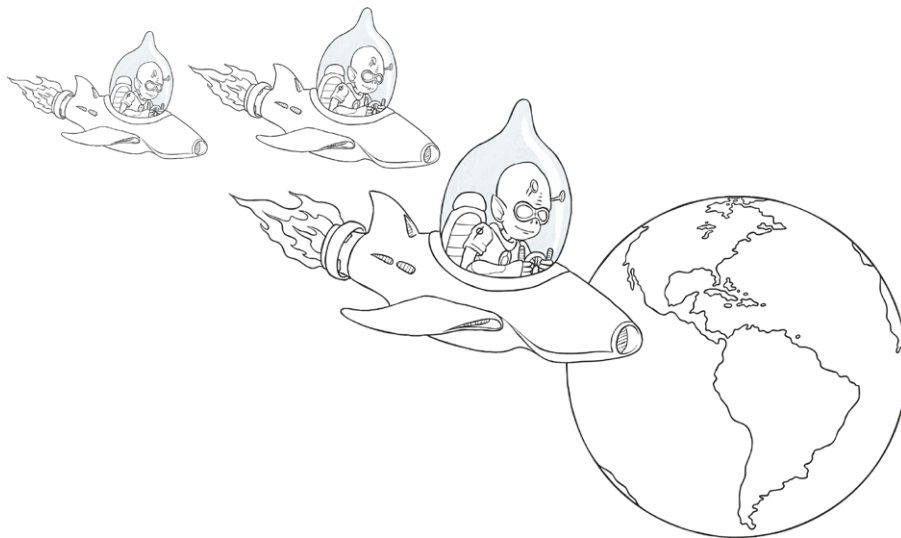
2. For the following situations make your own choice of **two modal verbs** to use to create a sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

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

b) An alien attack fleet approaches Earth.

c) A cat attempts to climb Mount Everest.

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 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.

Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations

1. Consider the situations below and see if you can create a sentence using each of the modal verbs supplied with the example. You may be able to use **two or more of the modal verbs** in one sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

Example: An elephant jumps into a swimming pool.

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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.

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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.

b) An alien attack fleet approaches Earth.

c) A cat attempts to climb Mount Everest.

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

Using Modal Verbs to Assess Situations **Answers**

1. Consider the situations below and see if you can create a sentence using each of the modal verbs supplied with the example. You may be able to use **two or more of the modal verbs** in one sentence. Be as creative as you can in your thinking.

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.