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will	shall	should	ought	would
could	might	can	must	may

1. We _____ go to the zoo at the weekend.
2. I _____ brush my teeth before I go to bed.
3. “_____ we go to the park after school today please?”
4. When you get in the car, you _____ put your seatbelt on.
5. It looks like it _____ rain tomorrow.
6. “_____ we pick up some dinner on the way home?”
suggested Mum.
7. “What _____ you like to drink?” asked Ali.
8. “It’s getting late, I think we _____ to go home.”
9. “Please _____ I go to the toilet?” asked Jack.
10. I _____ always finish my homework tomorrow.



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could not	might not	can	must not	may

1. We _____ go to the zoo at the weekend because it's going to be too cold.
2. I _____ brush my teeth before I go to bed.
3. "_____ we go to the park after school today please?"
4. You _____ take your seatbelt off in the car.
5. It looks like it _____ rain tomorrow.
6. "_____ we pick up some dinner on the way home?" suggested Mum.
7. "What _____ you like to drink?" asked Ali.
8. I _____ ride my bike home because it has a flat tyre.
9. "Please _____ I go to the toilet?" asked Jack.
10. Jack _____ do his homework because he had left it at school.



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Choose a modal verb and use it accurately in a sentence.

Can you use two in a sentence?

Can you start your sentence with a modal verb?

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could	might not	can	must not	may
ought	could	might	must	would

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Make a list of some more modal verbs:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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1. We **might** go to the zoo at the weekend.
2. I **should** brush my teeth before I go to bed.
3. "**Can** we go to the park after school today please?"
4. When you get in the car, you **must** put your seatbelt on.
5. It looks like it **will** rain tomorrow.
6. "**Shall** we pick up some dinner on the way home?" suggested Mum.
7. "What **would** you like to drink?" asked Ali.
8. "It's getting late, I think we **ought** to go home."
9. "Please **may** I go to the toilet?" asked Jack.
10. I **could** always finish my homework tomorrow.



1. We **might not** go to the zoo at the weekend because it's going to be too cold.
2. I **should** brush my teeth before I go to bed.
3. "**Can** we go to the park after school today please?"
4. You **must not** take your seatbelt off in the car.
5. It looks like it **will** rain tomorrow.
6. "**Shall** we pick up some dinner on the way home?" suggested Mum.
7. "What **would** you like to drink?" asked Ali.
8. I **cannot** ride my bike home because it has a flat tyre.
9. "Please **may** I go to the toilet?" asked Jack.
10. Jack **could not** do his homework because he had left it at school.

As these sentences make sense with a variety of modal verbs, the suggested answer is for 'best fit' only. Answers on the third worksheet will differ as children will be writing their own sentences.