

Step 2: Modal Verbs

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Varied Fluency 2

Underline the modal verbs in the sentence below.

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as I have to go to bed soon?**

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Varied Fluency 3

Choose an appropriate modal verb from the word bank to complete the sentence below.

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watch television.

shall

will

may

should

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I should tidy my room, but first I will watch television.

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may

should

Varied Fluency 4

Change the statement below to a question. Use the same modal verb.

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**If we eat our dinner very quickly,
could we help Mrs Jones tidy the
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Strong

Weak

may

must

might

should

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Various answers but must be justified. For example: must, should, may, might – must is used to show strong obligation; should is used to express obligation; may is used to show possibility; might is used to show a small possibility.

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Various answers, for example:

I could become a professional footballer one day and I might even play for England. 'Could' is used to express ability and 'might' is used to show a possibility.

It is likely to be very stormy tomorrow so I will make sure I have weighted the trampoline down. 'Likely to' shows strong possibility and 'will' expresses certainty.