

Application and Reasoning

Step 2: Using Modal Verbs

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G4.1c) [Using modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility](#)

English Year 5: (5G4.1c) [Indicating degrees of possibility using modal verbs \[for example, might, should, will, must\]](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Write a single-clause sentence using a given modal verb.

Expected Write a multi-clause sentence using a given modal verb. Includes semi-modal verb 'used to'.

Greater Depth Write a multi-clause sentence using a given modal verb. Includes uncommon modal expressions such as, 'dare to', 'need to', 'had better' and 'rather'.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Substitute the given modal verb in a sentence for one that will alter the certainty or possibility. Uses modal verbs in single-clause sentences.

Expected Substitute the given modal verb in a sentence for one that will alter the certainty or possibility. Uses modal and semi-modal verbs in single and multi-clause sentences.

Greater Depth Substitute the given modal verb in a sentence for one that will alter the certainty or possibility. Uses multi-clause sentences. Includes expressions such as, 'dare to', 'need to', 'had better' and 'rather'.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain how replacing the modal verb in a sentence changes the certainty or possibility. Uses modal verbs in single-clause sentences.

Expected Explain how replacing the modal verb in a sentence changes the certainty or possibility. Uses modal and semi-modal verbs in single and multi-clause sentences. Includes semi-modal verb 'ought to'.

Greater Depth Explain how replacing the modal verb in a sentence changes the certainty or possibility. Uses multi-clause sentences. Includes semi-modal verbs in the negative, as well as uncommon modal expressions such as, 'dare to', 'need to', 'had better' and 'rather'.

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1a. Write a sentence using the modal verb 'might'.



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1b. Write a sentence using the modal verb 'will'.



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2a. Rewrite the sentence below to make it less certain.

Robert will be at the wedding.



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2b. Rewrite the sentence below to make it more certain.

The decorator may paint the room yellow.



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3a. How would changing the modal verb 'can' to 'may' alter the meaning in the sentence below?

The engineer can fix the damaged machine.



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3b. How would changing the modal verb 'should' to 'must' alter the meaning in the sentence below?

We should help the others.



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4a. Write a multi-clause sentence using the modal verb 'used to'.



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4b. Write a multi-clause sentence using the modal verb 'can'.



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5a. Rewrite the sentence below to make it more certain.

Katie isn't feeling well so she should stay in bed.



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5b. Rewrite the sentence below to make it less certain.

After all the planning, it will be the best party ever.



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6a. How would changing the modal verb 'will' to 'might' alter the meaning in the sentence below?

The football team will score the winning goal.



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6b. How would changing the modal verb 'ought to' to 'must' alter the meaning in the sentence below?

If you want a good seat, we ought to get there early.



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7a. Write a multi-clause sentence using the modal verb 'dare to'.



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7b. Write a multi-clause sentence using the modal verb 'would rather'.



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8a. Rewrite the sentence below to make it more certain.

The developers are getting impatient so the protestors need to be careful or they could end up getting hurt.



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8b. Rewrite the sentence below to make it less certain.

We must go soon if we want to catch the train because it's sure to be busy and we will not get a seat.



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9a. How would changing the modal verb 'must' to 'had better' alter the meaning in the sentence below?

It looks like rain today; you must take an umbrella if you don't want to get caught in a downpour.



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9b. How would changing the modal verb 'need to' to 'will' alter the meaning in the sentence below?

I need to go shopping because I have found a new job and I should make sure I look the part.



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Developing

- 1a. Any grammatically correct sentence including the word might, for example: We might go to the cinema.
- 2a. Replacing 'will' for might, may, could, should or ought to.
- 3a. It is no longer certain that the engineer will fix the machine.

Expected

- 4a. Any grammatically correct sentence including the word used to, for example: Jenny used to play the violin very well but she hasn't played for a long time.
- 5a. Replacing 'should' for shall, must or will.
- 6a. It is no longer certain that the football team will score the winning goal.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Any grammatically correct sentence including the words dare to, for example: He didn't dare to miss the deadline as he knew he would be in trouble.
- 8a. Replacing 'need to' for must, and 'could' for will or shall.
- 9a. It is no longer a command, but a suggestion.

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Developing

- 1b. Any grammatically correct sentence including the word will, for example: It will be a lovely day tomorrow.
- 2b. Replacing 'may' for shall, must or will.
- 3b. It changes the necessity. It is now imperative that they help.

Expected

- 4b. Any grammatically correct sentence including the word can, for example: We can meet outside the swimming pool.
- 5b. Replacing 'will' for might, may, could, should or ought to.
- 6b. It changes the necessity. It is now necessary that they get there early.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Any grammatically correct sentence including the words would rather, for example: I would rather go to the beach than the cinema because it is a lovely day.
- 8b. Replacing 'must' for should, had better, need to or ought to, and 'will' for may or might.
- 9b. It changes the certainty. They will now definitely be going shopping.