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Using Modal Verbs to Indicate Degrees of Possibility Mini Test

1. Tick all of the sentences which contain **modal verbs**.

I like chips because they taste nice.

I like singing but I prefer dancing.

I might be going on holiday at the weekend.

Dust mites are everywhere but they are so small we can't see them.

He should have scored. It was an open goal!

5 marks

2. Underline all of the **modal verbs** in the paragraph below:

It would have been amazing if we had beaten the record. We knew we could have and, as the minutes ticked down, we really thought we would. There is a lot of belief in the team that we can do this, and we might be back next year for another attempt.

5 marks

3. Choose one of these **modal verbs** to complete the sentences. You may only use each one once.

will

could not

may

should

can

5 marks

a) Try as she might, she _____ get the ball in the tiny hole.

b) If Hamza doesn't already brush his teeth well, then what the dentist told him _____ make him try harder.

c) For all we know, that _____ be the quickest route after all.

d) Letitia has improved a lot – she _____ do things she never would have dreamed of when she began.

e) Because it is an emergency, I _____ get there as quickly as I can.

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4. Can you give a piece of advice to these people with a problem using the **modal verbs** would, could and should?

3 marks

a) Help! I have moved to a new school and I feel like I don't have any friends.

b) Help! Two friends have invited me to parties at the same time on the same day.

c) Help! I have always liked to wear unusual clothes but now people at school have begun to tease me.

5. Use and underline a **modal verb** in each of your sentences to explain how likely the following events are to happen...

4 marks

Winning the lottery - e.g. I might not win the lottery because such a lot of people enter.

a) Learning to play an instrument.

b) Getting married.

c) Learning to drive a car.

d) Becoming famous.

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2	<p>Underline all of the modal verbs in this sentence:</p> <p>It <u>would</u> have been amazing if we had beaten the record. We knew we <u>could</u> have and as the minutes ticked down, we really thought we <u>would</u>. There is a lot of belief in the team that we <u>can</u> do this, and we <u>might</u> be back next year for another attempt.</p>	5 marks
3	<p>Choose one of these modal verbs to complete the sentences. You may only use each one once.</p> <p>Suggested answers as there are multiple possible answers to some questions.</p> <p>a) Try as she might, she <u>could not</u> get the ball in the tiny hole.</p> <p>b) If Keith doesn't already brush his teeth well, then what the dentist told him <u>should</u> make him try harder.</p> <p>c) For all we know, that <u>may</u> be the quickest route after all.</p> <p>d) Letitia has improved a lot – she <u>can</u> do things she never would have dreamed of when she began.</p> <p>e) Because it is an emergency, I <u>will</u> get there as quickly as I can.</p>	5 marks
4	<p>Can you give a piece of advice to these people with a problem using the modal verbs would, could and should?</p> <p>a) Help! I have moved to a new school and I feel like I don't have any friends.</p> <p>b) Help! Two friends have invited me to parties at the same time on the same day.</p> <p>c) Help! I have always liked to wear unusual clothes but now people at school have begun to tease me.</p> <p>Accept any sentences that have been formed correctly and use the modal verbs would, could and should.</p>	3 mark
5	<p>Use and underline a modal verb in each of your sentences to explain how likely the following events are to happen...</p> <p>Winning the lottery e.g. I might not win the lottery because such a lot of people enter.</p> <p>a) Learning to play an instrument. - <u>I could learn the guitar but I might end up doing other things.</u></p> <p>b) Getting married. - <u>I might get married and I might not!</u></p> <p>c) Learning to drive a car. - <u>I should learn to drive a car because it will help me get to places.</u></p> <p>d) Becoming famous. - <u>I may become famous if I can work hard at something.</u></p> <p>Accept any sentences that have been formed correctly and use the modal verbs would, could and should.</p>	4 mark