

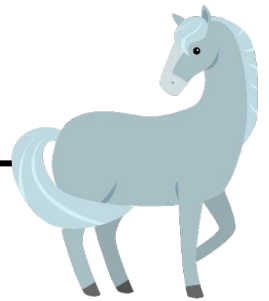
Identify the Modal Verbs

Modal verbs are helping verbs that express certain conditions. Some modal verbs are *can, could, may, might, must, should, will, and would*.

What does each modal verb show?

<p>can</p> <p>shows ability or permission</p>	<p>will</p> <p>shows future action</p>	<p>must</p> <p>shows necessity</p>	<p>might</p> <p>shows possibility</p>
<p>should</p> <p>shows advice or expectation</p>	<p>could</p> <p>shows possibility, request, or past ability</p>	<p>may</p> <p>shows possibility, giving permission, or a request for permission</p>	<p>would</p> <p>shows what would happen under a certain condition</p>

Example: If I had a pony, I **would** ride it every day of the year.
The verb shows what would happen under a certain condition.



Directions: Circle the modal verb or verbs in the sentences below.

1. He **may** have written the funniest story I have ever read!
2. Many of the guests were not hungry, so there **should** be plenty of food left over.
3. After Lilly opened the window, she **could** feel how warm it was already.
4. I think Dad **will** fall asleep if he has to wait at the mall any longer.
5. Bill and Emily **can** ride their bikes up and down hills.
6. You **may** go to the park, but don't stay there too late.
7. Scientists discovered that elephants **can** hear with their feet.
8. When I saw the decorations, I knew it **would** be a fun party.
9. Nathaniel **must** leave the house now or he **will** miss his flight!
10. It **might** rain this afternoon, so you **should** bring your umbrella.