

**LO: To explore and experiment with the use of modal verbs**

Watch the clips on BBC Bitesize about modal verbs.

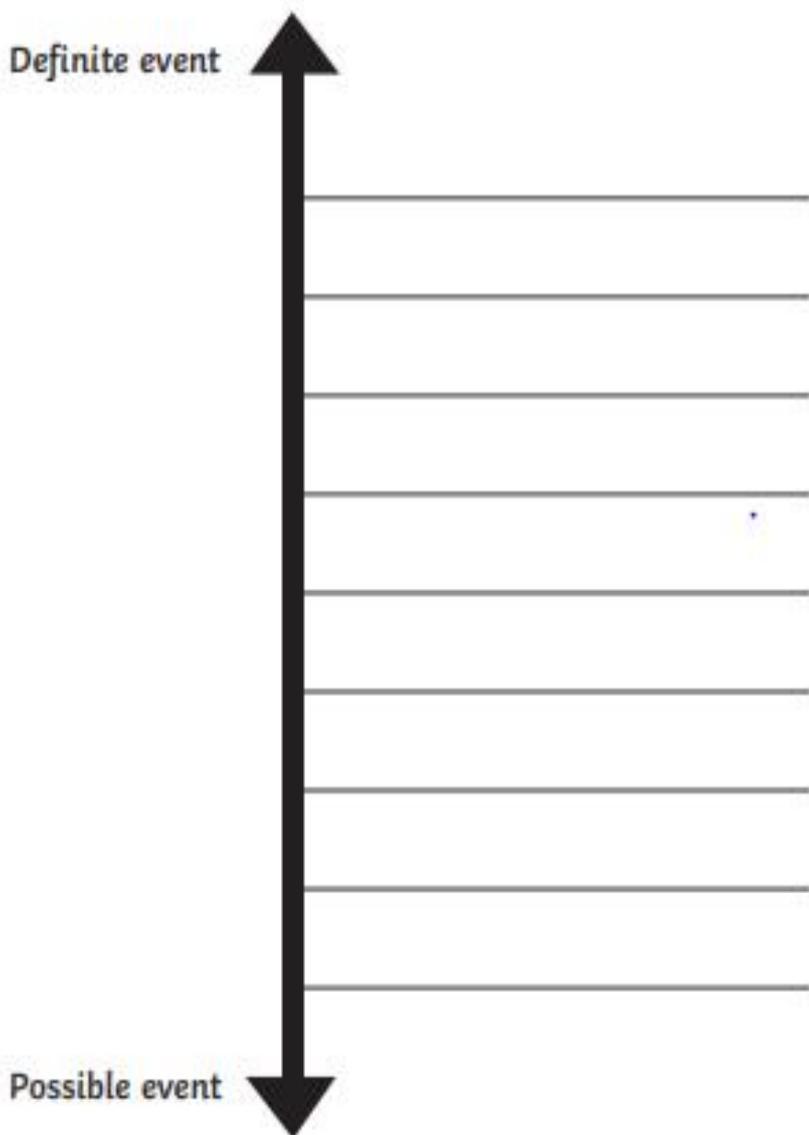
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Complete the following tasks. You can record your answers in your homework books to save on printing!

Modal verbs are used with other verbs to describe how likely something is to happen or to show how certain we are of something happening. For example:

One day the girl **might** be Queen.

The word 'might' is the modal verb. It indicates that the girl might be the Queen but it isn't definitely going to happen. Below is a list of modal verbs. Write the modal verbs onto the line below according to how strongly they suggest an event might happen.



Modal Verbs
may
ought to
could
should
must
will
would
might
can

Modal verbs can also be changed to their negative form. For example, **should** can be replaced with **should not**. Also, many negative modal verbs can be contracted, for example **should not** becomes **shouldn't** in its contracted form.

Complete the blanks in the table below to show **modal verbs** and their negative forms (including contractions). The first one has been done for you.

modal verb	negative form	contraction of negative Form
should	should not	shouldn't
	cannot	
		couldn't
		mayn't
	might not	
		won't
	would not	
must		
		shouldn't
ought to		

# A Class in 2099



Imagine what school will be like in the year 2099. Write a description of your ideas for a future school using **modal verbs** and **adverbs of possibility** to explain what the school might be like. Use the following questions to help you think about what to write:

- How will children in the future get to school?
- What lessons will they study?
- How many will be in each class?
- What will they do at break and lunch times?
- What will they eat?
- What will they do their work on? Tablets, laptops or something else?
- Who will teach the children of the future? A person, a robot or even an alien?

Use these modal verbs and adverbs of possibility to help you. Underline them in your writing.

modal verbs	can, could, should, must, ought, may, would, might, will.
adverbs of possibility	certainly, definitely, obviously, sometimes, probably, maybe, perhaps, never, rarely.