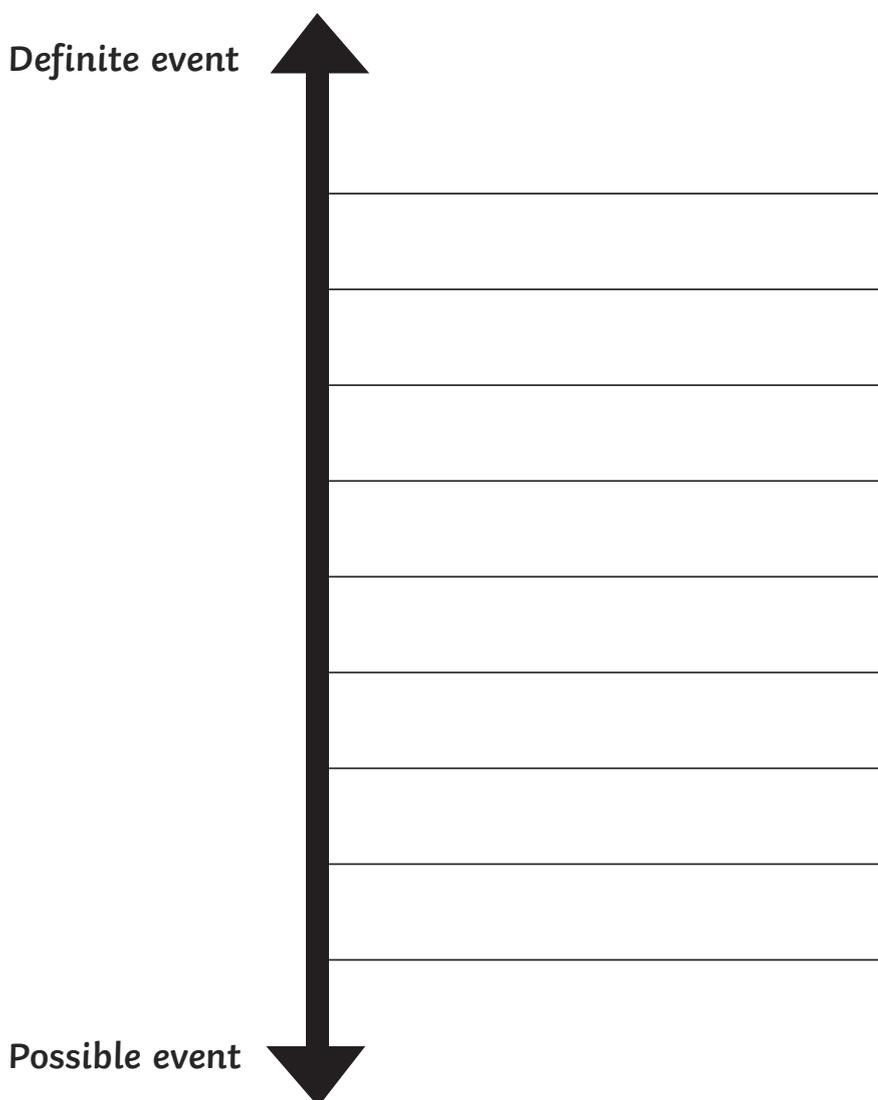


Modal Verbs

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

Max Modal

Max Modal is struggling with his homework. He must identify which of the sentences below contain a modal verb. Help Max by ticking the sentences that contain a **modal verb**.



1. I like chocolate because it tastes nice.
2. My mum said we might go on holiday at half term.
3. The plane flew through the sky.
4. You must finish your work before break.
5. The special visitor will arrive later today.
6. After dinner, I finished my homework.

Now help Max by underlining the modal verb in each sentence below:

1. If she entered the competition, Nicole might win a prize.
2. It would have been great if we won the football match.
3. We will complete the activity if we work together.
4. Lexi's mum said that she should always try her best at school.
5. "Yes you may go to the toilet," the teacher said.
6. Dad thought that he ought to wash the car before going to grandma's house.
7. We could go to the zoo at the weekend or go bowling.

Negative Modals

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		



Hint: If you get stuck, use the Internet to help you search for modal verbs and their negatives.

Adverbs of Possibility

In addition to modal verbs, some adverbs can be used to describe how likely it is that something will happen. These are called 'adverbs of possibility'. Some of the most common adverbs of possibility are:

certainly	definitely	maybe	possibly
clearly	obviously	perhaps	probably

Use each word to write a sentence showing how it can be used. For example:

He is **definitely** coming to the party.

Maybe I'll win the lottery this week.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____