

Using Modal Verbs 2

Modality refers to the how likely something is to happen. Modal verbs are used to adjust the level of certainty of an event.

Words with **low modality** indicate a **low level of certainty** of an event occurring.

Words with **high modality** indicate a **high level of certainty** of an event occurring.

Low

may
might
mightn't
could

Medium

will
won't
should
shouldn't
can
would

High

must
mustn't
ought to
shall
has to

Rewrite each sentence to be more persuasive by choosing a higher modality verb. The modal verbs are in bold.

1. A fundraiser **might** help us raise lots of money for the school.

2. If we see someone who needs help, we **may** do the right thing and help them.

3. Our koalas **mightn't** survive if we continue to destroy their homes.

4. We **will** work together on a plan.

5. Our class **could** do something to help the environment.

Write a sentence using each of the following modal verbs.

(mustn't) _____

(ought to) _____

(should) _____