

## LO - To use modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility

Have a look at the examples of modal verbs below.

- Can you think about how you could use them in a persuasive sentence?

**Modal verbs** are auxiliary verbs which cannot usually work alone.  
They are used with a main verb.

**Rally Robin: How many of these modal verbs can you remember?**

might

will

should

may

would

can

could

must

shall

ought to

Modal verbs can also be used to show:

**advice or obligation**

Pupils **must** wear a uniform.

You **should** not smoke.



**habits**

I **will** often have cereal for my breakfast.

We **shall** always enjoy a walk in the park.



**permission**

May I leave a few minutes early?

Could we go to the post box on the way?

Please can we have an ice cream?



**ability**

I **can** drive a tractor.

My grandfather **could** draw very well.



- Which modal verbs might we use in persuasion and why?
- Can you take a modal verb and create a persuasive sentence about a feature of Yorkshire wildlife park?

e.g. You **must** come and see the wonderful meerkats at the Yorkshire wildlife park! It is an experience to remember.

## Three steps to creating great sentences!

Create a sentence with a modal verb: write it down.

Edit and improve the sentence by adding more precise vocabulary: write it down.

Further improve the sentence by editing to add in a form of parenthesis. write it down.