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## Using Modal Verbs to Indicate Degrees of Possibility Mini Test

1. Tick all of the sentences which contain **modal verbs**.

I like chips because they taste nice.

I like singing but I prefer dancing.

I might be going on holiday at the weekend.

Dust mites are everywhere but they are so small we can't see them.

He should have scored. It was an open goal!

5 marks

2. Underline all of the **modal verbs** in the sentence below:

It would have been amazing if we had beaten the record. We knew we could have and as the minutes ticked down, we really thought we would. There is a lot of belief in the team that we can do this, and we might be back next year for another attempt.

5 marks

3. Choose one of these **modal verbs** to complete the sentences. You may only use each one once.

a) Try as she might, she \_\_\_\_\_ get the ball in the tiny hole.

b) If Hamza doesn't already brush his teeth well, then what the dentist told him \_\_\_\_\_ make him try harder.

c) For all we know, that \_\_\_\_\_ be the quickest route after all.

d) Letitia has improved a lot – she \_\_\_\_\_ do things she never would have dreamed of when she began.

e) Because it is an emergency, I \_\_\_\_\_ get there as quickly as I can.

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4. Can you give a piece of advice to these people with a problem using the **modal verbs** would, could and should?

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a) Help! I have moved to a new school and I feel like I don't have any friends.

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b) Help! Two friends have invited me to parties at the same time on the same day.

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c) Help! I have always liked to wear unusual clothes but now people at school have begun to tease me.

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5. Use and underline a **modal verb** in each of your sentences to explain how likely the following events are to happen...

4 marks

Winning the lottery - e.g. I might not win the lottery because such a lot of people enter.

a) Learning to play an instrument.

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b) Getting married.

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c) Learning to drive a car.

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d) Becoming famous.

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