Modal verbs and possibility

Remember

Modal verbs are used with other **verbs** to show different levels of possibility. They can make statements sound certain or more like a possibility.

Today will be a good day. (certain) This afternoon I could go swimming. (possible)

Try it

Underline the **modal verb** in each sentence. Write whether the modal verb makes it sound **certain** or **possible**.

We can get to the top of this mountain.

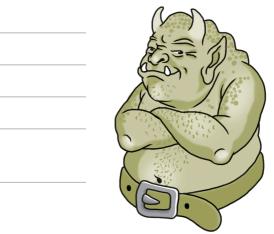
This bridge could collapse at any moment.

We must take some sun cream to the beach.

There may be a storm overnight.

The hero might save the villagers from the fearsome ogre.

You will love the new track from this popular band.



Rewrite each sentence using a different **modal verb** to change the meaning.

He <u>can</u> finish the race.

We <u>should</u> raise enough money.

You <u>could</u> ask an adult to help you.

I <u>might</u> have cereal for breakfast.

Sophie <u>might</u> swim 50 metres.

I <u>must</u> throw a six this time.



Sentence practice

Write <u>three</u> sentences about the future, using **modal verbs** to show different levels of possibility.