Modal verbs

Using can, may, shall, will, could, should, would and might to show probability

i Modal verbs such as *can*, *may* and *shall* are a special set of verbs used to show possibility, probability or certainty. To achieve this, they are paired with another verb to show how likely it is that the second verb will happen (e.g. I *will* leave, I *might* leave, I *should* leave). They are also used to show permission, e.g. You *can* go out. They can be used in different tenses, with the addition of *be* or *have* (e.g. I *might be* going or I *could have* gone).

A Write sentences using these modal verbs, showing the probability of something happening:

could --

shall --

will --

might --

B Circle the **modal verbs** in these sentences:

I might stay behind to finish my work.

We have been told that he might be coming back.

It could be broken - let me have a look at it.

You can go out if you finish your homework.

SPaG PRACTICE

Add a modal verb to complete this question:

----------------------------- I help you with your homework?

How could you persuade a child to cross the road safely? Use two modal verbs in your sentence.

CHALLENGE
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