

Modal Verbs

My Name Is
CATO

Modal verbs have the job of changing the meaning of other verbs. They can show how likely an event is to happen, describe the ability to do something or express the duty to carry out a task. They can also be used to form questions and ask permission.

can

could

may

might

must

ought

shall

should

will

would

In each of the following sentences from [My Name Is Cato](#), highlight the modal verb.

- 1 The man paused for a moment, wondering how long the secret inside would have to wait before somebody else discovered it.
- 2 "Will I be allowed to go back to Mr Gringle's and learn more about the robots?" she asked, her eyes glistening with hope.
- 3 "I'm not sure but they must still be in the shop somewhere," Jada whispered.
- 4 She had been desperately hoping that the ancient bookcase might reveal something else to them.
- 5 "Can we go to the library on the way home? Please?" Jada asked hopefully.
- 6 Just as Jada was puzzling over where it should go, there was a knock at the garage door.
- 7 "If you just put your talents to good use, you could achieve amazing things, Jada."

Now, choose a modal verb from the box above to fill each gap so that the sentence makes sense. There may be more than one possibility for each sentence.

- 8 "I'm sure we _____ convince Daniel!" Jada winked.
- 9 Whether or not you find success, when your turn is over, you _____ return this box to where you found it.
- 10 If everything went to plan, today _____ go down in history.

