



MODAL VERBS

Modal Verbs:

These are verbs that indicate likelihood, ability, permission or obligation. Words like: can/could, may/might, will/would, shall/should and must.

“Ferdinand might still be alive!”

'Might' is the modal verb here as it indicates the likelihood of Ferdinand being alive after the shipwreck in Act 1

Useful video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zps4pbk>

TASK

Circle or underline the modal verb in each sentence.

1. The ship must be destroyed.
2. “Ferdinand could have swum ashore”, said the courtiers.
3. “You should be more sympathetic”, said Gonzalo to Sebastian.
4. “We should never have gone to that wedding in Africa” said Sebastian.
5. “We could kill King Alonso” whispered Antonio.
6. “Do you really think I might become King” gasped
7. “It could be a strange fish”, said Trinculo.
8. “Prospero will be angry with me” thought Caliban.
9. “I shall do anything he wants of me” said Caliban with joy at the thought of a new master.
10. “We should be careful, Stephano”, said Trinculo.