**Romeo and Juliet: Act 4**

**Year 5 and Year 6**

**Week 4: Grammar Exercise**

**Modal Verbs**

**Modal verbs are verbs words that change the meaning of other verbs. They are used to show whether something is certain, likely, possible or impossible.**

**EXAMPLE:**

**"Romeo must leave Verona"**

'must' is the modal verb here as it indicates that Romeo is obliged to leave Verona.

**Read the example sentences in the table below. Look at how the meaning of the sentence changes depending on which modal verb is changed.**

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| **PURPOSE** | **EXAMPLE OF MODAL VERBS** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **Likely/Permission** | **may, might** | **Juliet might drink the sleeping potion.** |
| **Possibility/Impossibility** | **can, could, can’t** | **Juliet could drink the sleeping potion.** |
| **Certainty** | **will, would** | **Juliet will drink the sleeping potion.** |
| **Obligation, advice** | **Shall, should, must** | **Juliet should drink the sleeping potion.** |

**Useful videos:**

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**Grammar Exercise: Modal Verbs**

**Modal verbs**

**Modal verbs are verbs that indicate likelihood, possibility, ability or obligation**

**Exercise 1: Underline the modal verb in each sentence**

1. The Nurse couldn’t wake up Juliet.
2. Juliet should go to Friar Laurence and ask for help.
3. Friar Laurence must make sure Romeo receives his message.
4. “This potion will send put you into a deep sleep” explained Friar Laurence.
5. Friar Laurence could create a sleeping potion to help Juliet.
6. Lord Capulet thinks Juliet will marry Paris the next morning.
7. “You shall marry Paris” exclaimed Lord Capulet.
8. It would be a disaster if a message didn’t get to Romeo in time.
9. Romeo could stay in Verona but it would be a foolish thing to do.
10. Juliet must pretend to obey her father, Lord Capulet.

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**Exercise 2: Underline the modal verb/s in each sentence. Then, re write each sentence using a different modal verb and see how the meaning changes.**

**Modal verbs**

**must should shall would couldn’t wouldn’t**

**shouldn’t may might will could**

1. **The Nurse couldn’t wake up Juliet.**

The Nurse must wake up Juliet.

1. **Juliet should go to Friar Laurence and ask for help.**

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