

JULIUS CAESAR
ACT 4
YEAR 5 AND 6
GRAMMAR: 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:

"Octavius Caesar will win the battle"

'will' is the modal verb here as it indicates that Octavius Caesar will win the battle

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

PURPOSE	EXAMPLE OF MODAL VERBS	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Likely/Permission	may, might	Octavius Caesar might win the battle
Possibility/Impossibility	can, could, can't	Octavius Caesar could win the battle
Certainty	will, would	Octavius Caesar will win the battle
Obligation, advice	Shall, should, must	Octavius Caesar should win the battle

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Exercise 1: Underline the modal verb in each sentence

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2. The army should leave now.
3. Mark Antony must fight Brutus.
4. Lepidus might kill his brother.
5. How could they have killed Caesar?
6. Cassius is furious as he thinks Brutus might have been disloyal to him.
7. Mark Antony couldn't believe Brutus had killed Julius Caesar.
8. It would be a disaster if Cassius and Brutus won the battle.
9. Some people should be safe.
10. Octavius Caesar can't forgive Cassius and Brutus.

Exercise 2: Re write each sentence using a different modal verb and see how the meaning changes.

must	should	shall	Modal verbs would	couldn't	wouldn't
shouldn't	may	might	will	could	

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Brutus wouldn't stop crying.

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ANSWERS
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LOTS OF DIFFERENT MODAL VERBS COULD BE USED. AS LONG AS THEY MAKE SENSE IT'S FINE. BELOW ARE JUST SOME POTENTIAL ANSWERS

1. Brutus **shouldn't** stop crying.
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6. Cassius is furious as he thinks Brutus **should** have been disloyal to him.
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