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MODAL VERBS

MODAL VERBS ARE VERB WORDS THAT CHANGE THE MEANING OF OTHER VERBS. THEY ARE USED TO SHOW WHETHER SOMETHING IS CERTAIN, LIKELY, POSSIBLE OR IMPOSSIBLE.

EXAMPLE:

"PRINCE FLORIZEL WILL MARRY PERDITA"

'WILL' IS THE MODAL VERB HERE AS IT INDICATES THAT PRINCE FLORIZEL WILL MARRY PERDITA.

Useful videos:

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

PURPOSE	EXAMPLE OF MODAL VERBS	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Likely/permission	may/might	Prince Florizel might marry Perdita.
Possibility/impossibility	can/couldn't/ can't	Prince Florizel could marry Perdita.
Certainty	will/would	Prince Florizel will marry Perdita.
Obligation/Advice	shall/should/ must	Prince Florizel should marry Perdita.

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Instructions: Underline the causal conjunction in each sentence

1. **Perdita will be raised by shepherds**

2. **Florizel will fall in love with Perdita.**

3. **Polixenes won't let Florizel marry Perdita.**

4. **The sheep shearing festival will be great fun.**

5. **Camillo tells Florizel and Perdita they should escape.**

6. **King Polixenes couldn't believe his son had fallen in love with a shepherd girl.**

7. **Autolycus shouldn't help Florizel and Perdita.**

8. **Perdita and Florizel should carry important tokens with them, so that the truth about her identity can be revealed.**

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Re write each sentence using a different modal verb and see how the meaning changes

MUST **SHOULD** **SHALL**
MIGHT **MAY** **COULD**

1. The sheep shearing festival will be full of laughter and joy.

2. King Polixenes must stop Florizel marrying Perdita.

3. Prince Florizel and Perdita will leave Bohemia.

4. Camillo should help Florizel and Perdita flee to Sicilia.
