

TWELFTH NIGHT

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:

"Sebastian will marry Olivia"

'will' is the modal verb here as it indicates that Sebastian will marry Olivia.

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	Sebastian might marry Olivia.
Possibility/Impossibility	can, could, can't	Sebastian could marry Olivia
Certainty	will, would	Sebastian will marry Olivia
Obligation, advice	Shall, should, must	Sebastian should marry Olivia

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2. Malvolio should write a message to Olivia.
3. Sebastian must fight Sir Toby.
4. Sir Andrew should challenge Cesario to a fight.
5. How could they have lost Cesario?
6. Sir Toby thinks Olivia will be cross if she finds out they have tricked Malvolio.
7. Olivia couldn't believe Cesario wanted to marry her.
8. It would be a disaster if Sir Andrew left.
9. Sebastian should be safe.
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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.

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

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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

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