

Modal verbs

Remember! Auxiliary verbs are helping verbs. **Modal** (auxiliary) **verbs** are a special type of helping verb that work with the main verb to show ability, possibility, obligation, intention and permission. These verbs are: **can, could, may, might, should, must, will, would.**

Examples: I ^{modal verb} can ^{main verb} play guitar.
Mum ^{modal verb} may ^{main verb} let me go to the movies.
You ^{modal verb} should ^{main verb} have a shower.

Underline the modal verbs and auxiliary verbs.

- 1 She will wait for the actor to arrive.
- 2 Aden must be freezing at the ice rink.
- 3 Rene could swim but didn't like getting wet.
- 4 Mum said, "I should listen to you read more often."
- 5 Zac may go to the match next week.

Modal verbs for persuasion

Modal verbs are often used in persuasive texts to make arguments stronger or softer.

Examples:
You **could** recycle.
You **should** recycle. (stronger)
Everyone **can** clean up.
Everyone **must** clean up. (stronger)
I **might** visit the dentist next week.
I **will** visit the dentist next week. (stronger)

Circle modal verbs that make the arguments stronger.

- 6 The doctor said I (should could) take this medicine.
- 7 Dad said I (must can) do well on my exams.
- 8 Jenna (might will) go to choir practice tonight.
- 9 Luke (will may) heat up the soup because it's cold.
- 10 People (can must) not use so many plastic bags!

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /20 0-8 10-14 16-20

Phonic Knowledge & Spelling

Doubling consonants

In words with a **short vowel** and **one consonant**, the consonant is **doubled** before the ending is added.

Examples: run, **running** fat, **fatter**
BUT NOT lick, **licking** strong, **stronger**

Add endings to these words and apply the doubling rule where needed.

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| | add -ing | add -ed |
| 1 | drag _____ | _____ |
| 2 | hiss _____ | _____ |
| 3 | shop _____ | _____ |
| | add -er | add -est |
| 4 | long _____ | _____ |
| 5 | hot _____ | _____ |
| 6 | thin _____ | _____ |



Underline the American English words and write the matching Australian English words.

jam full stop holiday cot

- 7 The baby looked so small in the crib. _____
- 8 Toast and jelly are a popular breakfast food. _____
- 9 She ended the sentence with a period. _____
- 10 Our vacation was ruined by rain. _____

Use the clues to finish the 'man' words.

- 11 a female person: _____ man
- 12 being polite: man _____
- 13 wanting something: _____ man _____
- 14 a type of fruit: man _____
- 15 a person who is a boss: man _____

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /30 0-12 14-24 26-30

Reading & Comprehension

Evelyn Sampson

Informative text – Report
Author – Peter Alford

Evelyn Sampson was never good at sport because she didn't have time to play. Reporters didn't want her picture for the nightly TV news or the newspapers as she was not famous.

As soon as she was old enough, Evelyn had to care for her three younger brothers and two sisters. Often she would be left alone with her siblings for a whole week while her mother and father had to 'go bush', hunting kangaroos and donkeys. Kangaroo hide was worth money and the meat fed the family.

Evelyn dreamed of becoming a school teacher but that could never happen because she had to leave school at year six. As a young lady she became known as a strong leader in her community. Evelyn became a role model for younger people as she obeyed the law and cared for the older folk in her small town. Her kindness and understanding meant that she earned respect by helping others to better their lives. To her people, she was a hero. TV and newspaper stories weren't needed. Everyone in that small town knew her value.



Write or circle the correct answer.

- 1 What did Evelyn want to become?

- 2 What does the phrase 'go bush' mean?
a find the bush
b travel into the bush
c find things in the bush
- 3 How many siblings did Evelyn have?

- 4 Apart from their meat, what else were kangaroos used for?

- 5 What was Evelyn known as in her community?

- 6 What did Evelyn's father and mother hunt?

- 7 What earned Evelyn respect?

- 8 When did Evelyn have to leave school?

- 9 What does 'role model' mean?
a She was a fashion model.
b She liked ham rolls.
c People looked up to her.

Score 2 points for each correct answer! SCORE /18 0-6 8-14 16-18

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