

LO: To use modal verbs to express an opinion

1. Listen to a story

You should now have listened to the video of Ruth Merttens reading the book https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H71F0-_QrpE.

Questions to think about:

What do you like about the story?

Is there anything that you dislike about it?

Does it remind you of anything that has happened to you?

Does it remind you of any books that you have read?

2. Modal Verbs

Today we are going to be using modal verbs in our writing.

Read the revision cards below to remind you about modal verbs.


Modal Verbs

Modal verbs express **certainty**, **ability** or **obligation**.

can	must	may	
might	ought to	shall	should
would	will	could	

Modal Verbs

Modal verbs are placed before the **verb** they are **modifying**.



I thought I **could** **hear** someone in the pantry.
You **might** **see** him there if you open the door.
He **should** **sleep** in the room that we gave him.

3. Your Task

Eric is a mysterious text and there are no clear answers. Today you are going to answer three questions using modal verbs to express your thoughts:

1. **Why do you think the family decided to have a foreign exchange student?**
2. **Where do you think Eric has come from?**
3. **How do think the narrator feels about Eric?**

Here is an example answer to the first question:

Why do you think the family decided to have a foreign exchange student?

*I think that they **might** have wanted to be kind and hospitable. They repainted the spare room and bought new rugs and furniture which **may** show how much care they were taking. When Eric went in the pantry, they decide they **ought** not to disturb him. This seems generous. They **could** have told him to stay in his room. They seem flexible.*

Give your thoughts on *Eric* by answering the three questions, using modal verbs in your answers. You could use the template below.

Eric – Your Thoughts

Use modal verbs in
your answers

1. Why do you think the family decided to have a foreign exchange student?
2. Where do you think Eric has come from?
3. How do you think the narrator feels about Eric?



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