

# Starter: **Modal Verbs**

What is a modal verb?

How are they used?

How do they change the meaning of a sentence?



# Modal Verbs

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

## Certainty

may  
might  
would  
shall  
will

## Ability

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could

## Obligation

must  
should  
ought (to)

You **can** use modal verbs to write predictively.



# Modal Verbs

*I thought I **might** miss the Hogwarts train.*

*You **could** lose your ticket for the journey.*

*They **should** help new students find the platform.*

*Harry **could** not find anyone to help him at first.*

*He **must** not panic.*

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The **main verb** is modified by the **modal verb**.

**Modal verbs** are a type of helping verb (auxiliary verb).

Add not to make a **modal verb** negative.



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# Can you choose the best **modal verb**?

Hermione \_\_\_\_\_ *do spells already.*

**must**   **will**   **can**

Harry \_\_\_\_\_ *be a good wizard.*

**might**   **will**   **should**

Which modal verb would show Hermione's **ability**?



Which modal verb could show Harry is **not sure** he will be a good wizard?

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# *The Sorting Hat Song*

## THE SORTING HAT

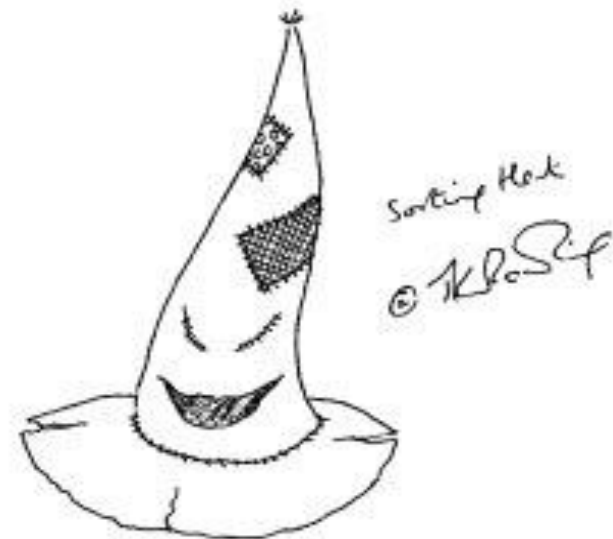
'Oh, you may not think I'm pretty,  
But don't judge on what you see,  
I'll eat myself if you can find

A smarter hat than me.

You can keep your bowlers black,  
Your top hats sleek and tall,  
For I'm the Hogwarts Sorting Hat  
And I can cap them all.

There's nothing hidden in your head  
The Sorting Hat can't see,  
So try me on and I will tell you  
Where you want to be.

You might belong in Gryffindor,  
Where dwell the brave at heart,  
Their daring, nerve and chivalry  
Set Gryffindors apart;





You might belong in Hufflepuff,  
Where they are just and loyal,  
Those patient Hufflepuffs are true  
And unafraid of toil;  
Or yet in wise old Ravenclaw,  
If you've a ready mind,  
Where those of wit and learning,  
Will always find their kind;  
Or perhaps in Slytherin  
You'll make your real friends,  
Those cunning folks use any means  
To achieve their ends.  
So put me on! Don't be afraid!  
And don't get in a flap!  
You're in safe hands (though I have none)  
For I'm a Thinking Cap!





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## Research and write about the Hogwarts Houses.

Listen to Mrs Hickman read the chapter where the children are getting sorted into houses.

<https://www.loom.com/share/c7ac2219e14f462d83091f14eb861a14>

Then we will watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQZFWA2KDbw>



Watch the video from this site:

[http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Hogwarts\\_Houses](http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Hogwarts_Houses)

Sorting at Hogwarts is a *big* deal. Being sorted into a house is essentially being placed into a family while you are away from home learning about witchcraft and wizardry. Your house is made up of the people you will live with, go to classes with, play Quidditch with and everything in between. You basically spend 24/7 with them. Your Hogwarts house is your home away from home.

When you get sorted into a house, it is based on your personality traits. The people in your house are typically like-minded people who display the same characteristics as you.

When you're a first year at Hogwarts, the minute you set foot in the castle you are swept into the Great Hall to have the ancient Sorting Hat placed on your head. This Sorting Hat decides which "family" you'll be spending your seven years with.



For some, it is very obvious which house they will be in, due to certain personality traits they possess. For others, they may exemplify traits that fit a multitude of houses and are uncertain where they may end up.

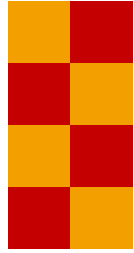
**TASK: Research and record the facts about each house from this website. Create an information page.**

<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/hogwarts-house>



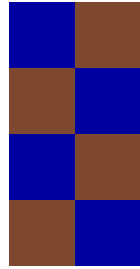


# Gryffindor:



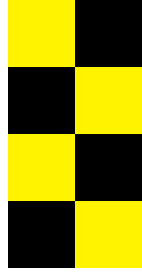
- The house of the brave, loyal, courageous, adventurous, daring and chivalrous. Those who stand up for others are typically Gryffindors. Brave-hearted is the most well-known Gryffindor characteristic, and Gryffindors are also known for having a lot of nerve.
- Gryffindors are people who hold a multitude of qualities alongside the ones listed, making them a very well-rounded house. People who are Gryffindors are often people who could fit nicely into another house but choose to tell the sorting hat they want Gryffindor (there's that bravery). "Do what is right" is the motto Gryffindors go by.
- Being a Gryffindor means that you're probably the adventurous and courageous friend, and you are usually known for doing what is right.

# Ravenclaw:



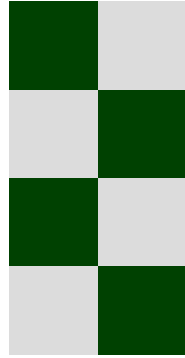
- The house is known for their wisdom, intelligence, creativity, cleverness and knowledge. Those who value brains over brawn can be found here. Ravenclaws often tend to be quite quirky as well. "Do what is wise" is the motto they strive to follow.
- Though Ravenclaws can be know-it-alls sometimes, they most likely do know what the wisest decision is.
- If you are known for being the quirky friend, the smartest in the group or just great at making wise decisions, you're definitely a Ravenclaw.

# Hufflepuff:



- This house values hard work, dedication, fair play, patience, and loyalty. Hufflepuff's are known for being just and true. "Do what is nice" is their motto.
- Hufflepuff is known as the “nice house” and believes strongly in sparing people's feelings and being kind. This is not to say that Hufflepuffs aren't smart or courageous. Hufflepuffs just enjoy making others happy and tend to be more patient towards people.
- If you ever find that you are too nice for your own good and cannot bear to hurt someone's feelings, congratulations, you are a Hufflepuff.

# Slytherin:



- This is the house of the cunning, prideful, resourceful, ambitious, intelligent, and determined. Slytherin's love to be in charge and cr leadership. "Do what is necessary" is the motto of this house.
- Slytherin is a fairly well-rounded house, similar to the other houses. They are loyal to those that are loyal to them just as Gryffindors are and are intelligent as Ravenclaws.
- Slytherin house as a whole is **not** evil, despite how many dark wizards come out of this house. That is merely based on the choices of those wizards (so if your friend is a Slytherin, don't judge, it doesn't mean they are mean people). Slytherins do, however, have a tendency to be arrogant or prideful. This is most likely due to the fact that everyone in Slytherin is *exceedingly* proud to be there.

# Research and write about the Hogwarts Houses.

## EXTRA TASK:

In preparation for next week, describe the house that *you feel you* think you will be sorted into based on the qualities researched and listened to.

Give reasons and examples of how/where/when you have shown the qualities of that house in your life.

Challenge – use model verbs (from starter activity)

I would be a good candidate because.. I think I should be in Hufflepuff as...

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