MODALS for POSSIBILITY, UNCERTAINTY, CERTAINTY

(ı) Possibility & Uncertain ty (May,Might, Could + V1)

*to describe things that will possibly happen

e.g. The earthquake may/might/ could happen tomorrow.

Use may not V1 and might + V1 to describe things that will possibly not happen in the future

e.g.The earthquake may not happen/ might not happen for another 30 years.It is impossible to predict exactly.

(II) Possibility with Can + V1 – to describe possibility in general but not with a future time reference

e.g. During an earthquake people can suffer injuries.

(III) Certainty- Use will + V1 – when we are certain something will happen in the future

e.g.During a strong earthquake some older buildings will collapse.

We use must + V1 when we are certain something is true(usually with be) , or when we suppose what a situation is like.

e.g.I've never been in an eartquake.It must be really frightening.(I'm sure)

e.g.You've worked a lot. You must feel tired.(I'm certain you do)

(IV)Negative Certainty – can't V1 (negative deduction)

When we are certain something is not true or impossible

e.g.That can't be an earthquake. We don't have earthquakes here!

Add the correct modal to the prediction(Will-May-Might):

People _____ develop telepathy in the future(impossible)

The space explorers _____ find water on Mars(probable)

Regular trips to space _____ be available in the next century(possible)

One day they _____ find life on other planets(slightly possible)

We _____ ever know everything(impossible)

It _____ be sunny tomorrow(probable)

It _____ be cloudy in June(possible)

It _____ rain in May(slightly possible)

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Rewrite each sentence

1. It is possible that there will be no snow-covered mountains in Europe by then. (might)

There----------

2.It is possible that areas in the South of Europe will become deserts.(could)

Areas----------

3.If it is not an acid, or an alkali then it is sure to be neutral.(must)

It----------

4.I am sure you know the difference between a solid and a gas! (must)

You----------

5. It is possible that summers will become longer and hotter, and winters will become warmer.(may)

Summers----------

6.There is small possibility of snow later.

It----------

7.There is a good possibility we will move to Marmaris.

We----------

8.That show has a small chance of getting success.

That show----------

9.There is good possibility that we will go to London on holiday this summer.

We----------

10.There is good chance of an earthquake in Istanbul soon.(hit)

An earthquake----------

11.There is good chance they will win a Nobel with their contribution to science.

They----------

12.There is very small chance that he will pass the exam

He ----------

Complete the prediction with the correct form of WILL/ MIGHT/ MAY and the verbs given

agree-increase-be- go- find- do- become

1.Prices ----------in the next 3 months owing to economic crisis.(definite)

2.People----------to Venus in the next century.(impossible)

3.There ----------more hurricanes here.(definite)

4.Scientists ----------life on Mars.(small possibility)

5.United Nations ----------anything to stop the war between Ukraine and Russia.(impossible)

6.Summers ----------hotter and hotter.(good chance)

7.The school principals ----------on effective measures to compensate the learning loss of disadvantaged students due to Covid 19. (slight possibility)

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