

10 Over my dead body!

Modal auxiliary verbs 2 • Synonyms • Metaphors and idioms – the body

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

- 1 All modal verbs can be used to express degrees of probability. Which of these sentences do this? Put a (✓). Which don't? Put a (X).
 - 1 She must be very rich.
 - 2 I must do my homework.
 - 3 I can't sleep because of the noise.
 - 4 They can't be in. There are no lights on.
 - 5 I think that's Jane but I might be wrong.
 - 6 You should see a doctor.
 - 7 The train may be late due to bad weather.

- 2 Put all the sentences in the past.

T 10.1 Listen and check.

MISSING FOR 500 YEARS!

Modal auxiliary verbs in the past

- 1 Work with a partner. Look at the pictures. Read the introduction and guess the answers to the questions.
 - Who was the man?
 - How did he die?
 - Why was he found in a car park?
 - How old was he when he died?

He must have been royal, perhaps a king or a prince.

It might have been Shakespeare.

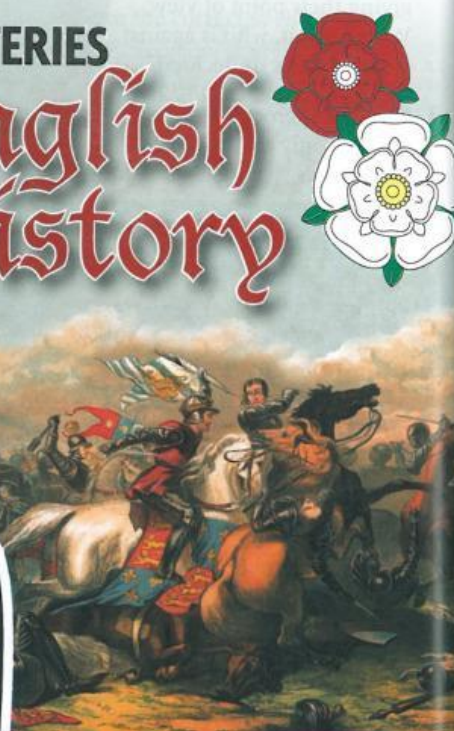
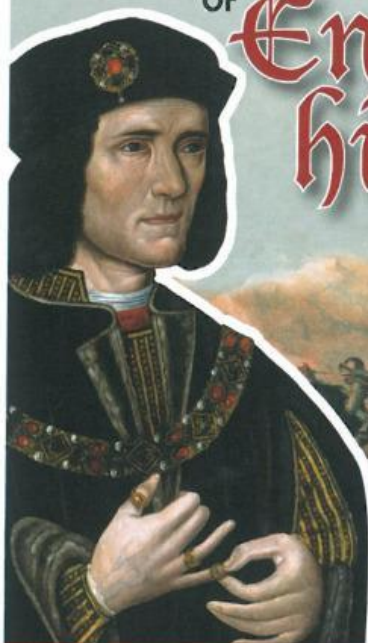
He could have fallen ...

He may have been quite young.

- 2 **T 10.2** Listen to two people, Alice and Bill, discussing the skeleton. Were your predictions in exercise 1 correct? How do they know it was Richard III?

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In August 2012 the skeleton of a 500-year-old man was discovered beneath a council car park in Leicester /'lestə/, England. This find caused great excitement amongst archaeologists and historians.