

GRAMMAR & CLIMATE ACTION: MODAL VERBS

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QUICK REFERENCE: MODAL VERBS & PURPOSE

could / may / might
→ Expresses **Possibility**

should
→ Gives **Advice / Duty**

would
→ Expresses **Possible Result**

PART 1 Investigate & Sort Modal Verbs

Read the climate-related sentences below. Underline the **modal verb** in each sentence, then write its primary purpose (Possibility, Advice, or Possible Result).

1. Some animals might move to cooler places.
2. People should protect forests.
3. The weather could become drier.
4. Plants may need more water.
5. Plants would grow better with enough water.

Sort the sentence numbers (1–5) into the correct category based on their purpose:

Expressing Possibility	Giving Advice	Possible / Imagined Result
Sentences:	Sentences:	Sentences:

PART 2 Choose the Appropriate Modal Verb

Complete each sentence using the most suitable modal verb from the word bank. Let the intended meaning guide your choice.

Word Bank: could • should • would • may • might

1. The temperature _____ become higher in the coming decades.
2. People _____ save water during a severe drought.
3. Some animals _____ lose their natural habitats if sea levels rise.
4. Plants _____ not grow well without sufficient rainfall.
5. Animals _____ survive better if their habitats are strictly protected.

Partner Reflection: Compare your answers for Part 2 with a partner. Explain why you chose each modal verb and whether another choice could also make sense!