

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 (✗).

- 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?

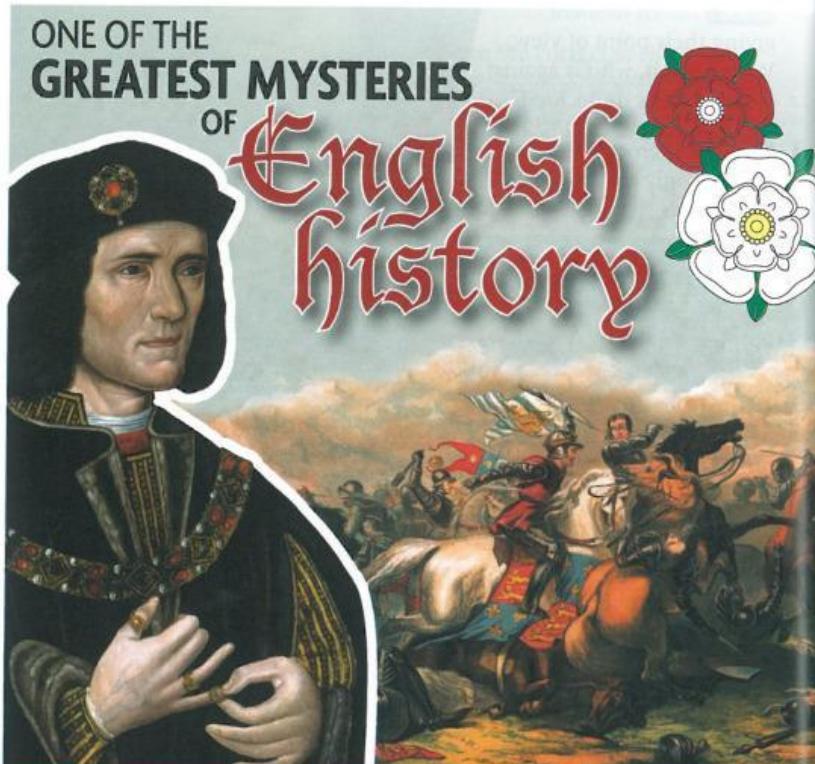
He must have been royal,
perhaps a king or a prince.

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?



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.