



1 Learn and Remember

Auxiliary verbs (also called modal verbs) help us show ability, possibility, obligation, advice and future or hypothetical situations. They are always followed by the base form of the main verb (e.g. can go, should protect, will be).

Ability can, could

show that something is possible or you have the ability to do it.

We **can** use solar energy.

Possibility may, might

show that something is possible but not certain.

It **might** rain tomorrow.

Obligation must

show that something is necessary or a strong rule.

We **must** follow safety rules.

Advice should

give a recommendation or advice about what is best to do.

We **should** protect natural resources.

Future / Hypothetical will, would

will shows what is likely to happen in the future. **would** shows a hypothetical situation or a polite request.

We **will** find new energy sources.

We **would** try a different method.

2 Choose the Correct Verb

Read the clue and choose the auxiliary verb that shows the meaning in brackets.

1. We _____ follow these safety rules at all times. (strong obligation)

A can B must C may D will

2. She _____ speak three languages. (ability)

A can B might C should D would

3. It _____ rain later, but we are not sure. (possibility)

A may B must C should D will

4. People _____ protect the environment. (advice)

A should B could C might D would

5. Scientists _____ find a new energy source soon. (likely future event)

A will B may C can D must

6. We _____ see the effects of climate change in the future. (possibility)

A might B will C should D could

3 Complete the Sentence

Read each sentence and choose the most suitable auxiliary verb.

1. We _____ use less water because it is a limited resource. (advice)

A should B must C could D would

2. In the future, buildings _____ be powered by solar energy. (likely future event)

A will B might C may D could

3. In the past, people _____ not know the effects of pollution. (past ability)

A could B can C must D should

4. There _____ be life on other planets. (possibility)

A might B will C must D should

5. If we used less fossil fuel, we _____ reduce pollution. (hypothetical situation)

A would B can C should D must

6. Governments _____ invest more in renewable energy. (recommendation)

A should B might C will D could

4 Spot the Mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Choose the option that corrects the grammar mistake without changing the auxiliary verb. (Keep the same auxiliary verb, just fix the form of the main verb.)

1. We **must to** protect natural habitats.

A must protecting B must to protect C must protect D must protected

2. She **can sings** a song in Thai.

A can sing B can singing C can sings D can singed

3. People **should helps** reduce pollution.

A should helping B should help C should to help D should helped

4. It **might be rain** tomorrow.

A might to rain B might rain C might rained D might be raining

5. We **will to use** solar energy in the future.

A will using B will use C will to using D will to use

6. Scientists **could to find** new solutions.

A could finding B could to find C could find D could found