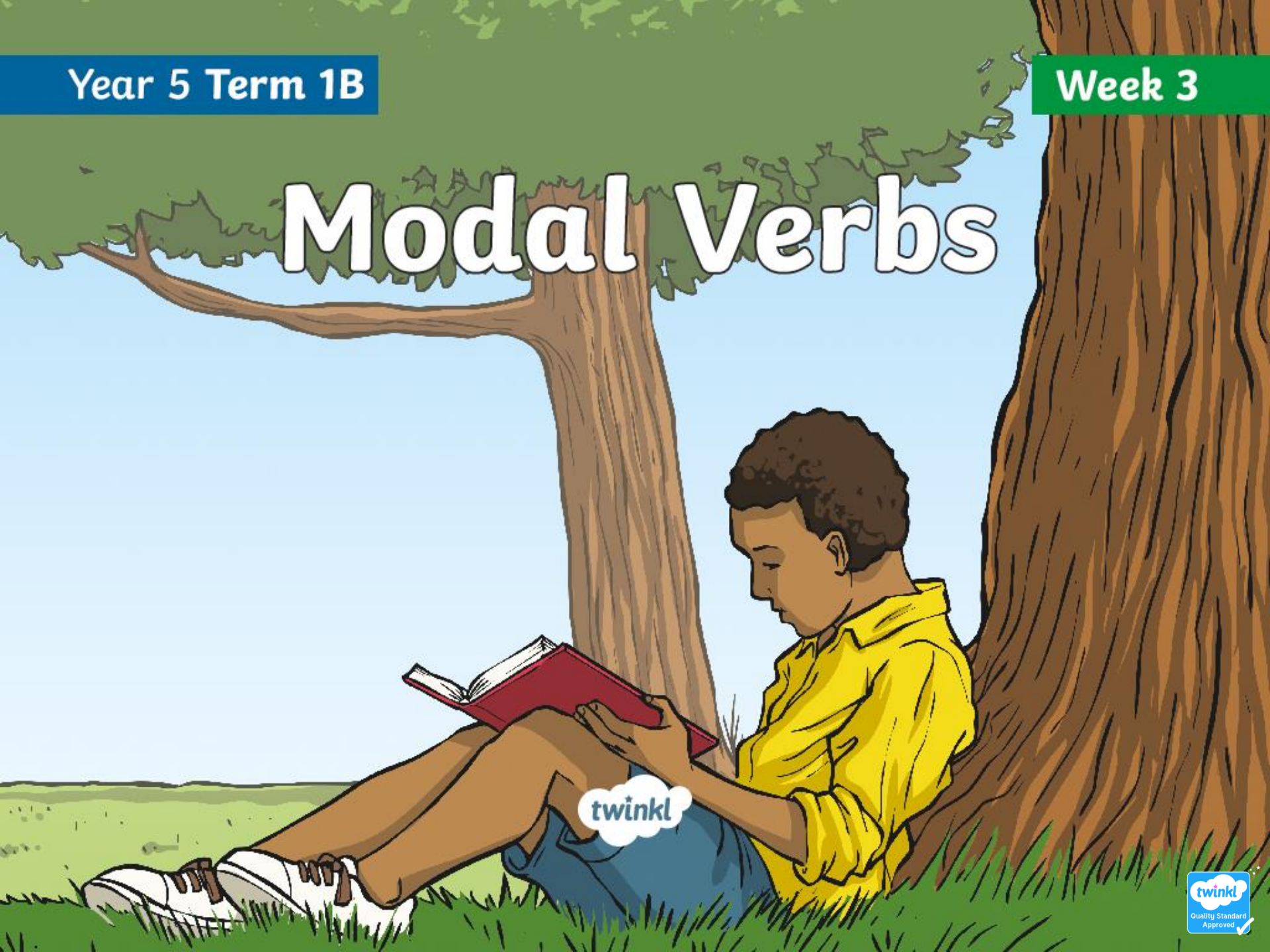


Year 5 Term 1B

Week 3

Modal Verbs



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What Are Modal Verbs?

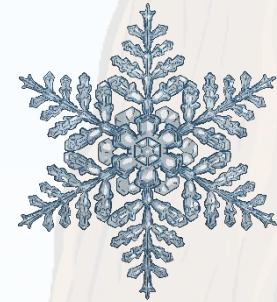


Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs which cannot usually work alone. They are used within sentences with another main verb.

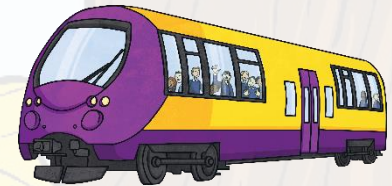
Modal verbs can be used to show how possible something is, or how likely it is to happen/have happened.

For example:

It's snowing so it **must be** very cold outside.



He's very late. He **could have missed** the train.



They **will lock** the windows when they go out.



Modal verbs can also be used to show:

Advice or obligation

Pupils **must** wear a uniform.
You **should** not smoke.

Habits

I **will** often have cereal for my breakfast.
We **shall** always enjoy a walk in the park.

Permission

May I leave a few minutes early?
Could we go to the post box on the way?
You **can** have an ice-cream if you eat all your dinner.

Ability

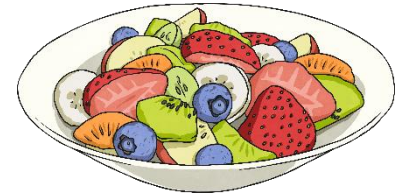
I **can** drive a tractor.
My grandfather **could** draw very well.

Can you identify the modal verb in these sentences?

It **might** snow tomorrow so we'll be able to make a snowman.



You **could** eat some fruit instead of those sweets.



He is so fast, he **should** win the race.



A background illustration of a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a yellow shirt and blue shorts, sitting on the grass and reading a red book. He is leaning against a large, light-brown tree trunk. The scene is set in a grassy field with a blue sky and green foliage in the background.

Here are this week's spellings to practise.

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shall

could

should

may

will

might

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