

Modals for Discussing the Future

Warm-up: Let's get students talking

Discuss the questions in pairs or small groups. Encourage reasons, examples, and follow-up questions.

- How do you think technology will change our lives in the next 10 years?
- What jobs might disappear in the future?
- Which inventions could change the world?
- How may people communicate differently in the future?
- Where might humans live in 100 years?

Using modals to talk about the future

Modal verbs help us express different levels of certainty about the future. They are especially useful when we are making predictions or guesses.

Modal	Use	Example
will	Strong prediction or decision	Technology will become more advanced.
may	Possible future situation	People may work from home more often.
might	Weaker possibility	We might discover new forms of energy.
could	Possible option or ability	Robots could replace some jobs.

Guided speaking practice

Answer the questions using will, may, might, or could. Ask follow-up questions to keep the conversation going.

- What will life be like in your country in 20 years?
- Which skills may be most important in the future?
- What might students learn at school in the future?
- How could technology improve healthcare or education?

Free speaking task

Choose one topic and speak for one minute. Use at least TWO different modal verbs.

- The future of work
- Life in the year 2100
- The future of artificial intelligence
- How technology might change society

Teacher tip

Focus on fluency and ideas, not perfection. Praise students for using modal verbs correctly.