

3.3 Verbs - Modals

[use base word> The **[use base word>** code precedes a modal helping verb when the main verb has an -s or an -ing ending. That code reminds you to change the main verb to its base form, the form that does not have an -s or an -ing ending.

[might be able to> The **[might be able to>** code precedes "might can" or "might could." That code reminds you that native English speakers use "might be able to" instead of "might can" or "might could."

Only sentences with flagged modal errors are printed.

More Information

Original sentence: A student should **[use base word>** studies every day after classes.

Revision: A student should study every day after classes.

Original sentence: A writing teacher **[might be able to>** might can help you.

Revision: A writing teacher might be able to help you.

Writer's Workbench did not find any modal errors.