

## World Cup modals practice

*Make a sentence starter from the left-hand and second column below and see if your partner can complete it in a way that you agree with, using words from the other two columns if they like. If they don't know the person, team, etc that you mention, they should just guess/ make an imaginary sentence. Discuss that sentence for longer if you like, then take turns doing the same with different things from the first and second column (starting again with the whole list if you have used them all).*

### Useful phrases for discussing the sentences

- "What do you think?"/ "Do you agree?"
- "I totally agree"
- "I think that is almost right, but I'd say that..."
- "I'm not sure about that. I think that..."

*When your teacher stops you, share one sentence that you agreed on and see what the class thinks.*

*Ask about anything in the table that you are not sure how to use, working together as a class to use that language to make sentences each time.*

*Discuss the differences between the expressions on the same line here. Some are very similar.*

- don't have to/ mustn't
- should/ must
- must/ have to
- could possibly/ probably won't
- will/ would

*Change groups. Without using the table, try to make statements about the World Cup which your partner can't agree with and can't disagree with due to their lack of knowledge, e.g. because it is a statement about a team which they know little about.*

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| Players   | will<br>definitely                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● aim for/ target...</li> <li>● attend/ participate in...</li> </ul>  |
| Managers/<br>Coaches  | will<br>almost<br>certainly             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● be (one of) the best...</li> <li>● be a(n unused) substitute – a starter/ in the starting lineup</li> <li>● be awarded a penalty</li> <li>● be boring/ dull – be fun/ entertaining/ exciting to watch</li> <li>● be competitive – be uncompetitive</li> </ul>   |
| Fans/<br>Spectators/<br>Supporters<br>(of...)               | will<br>probably                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● be injured/ be out injured</li> <li>● be named (vice) captain/ get the captain's armband</li> <li>● be one of the top third-placed teams</li> </ul>   |
| The head/<br>president<br>of...                             | may<br>well/<br>might<br>well           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● be satisfied with... – be unsatisfied with...</li> <li>● be substituted – come off the bench and...</li> <li>● beat/ defeat... – lose to/ be defeated by...</li> <li>● become famous (for...) – become infamous (for...)</li> </ul>   |
| (Assistant)<br>referees/<br>VAR                             | may/<br>might/<br>could                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● change... – keep to the same...</li> <li>● cheer/ shout – cry</li> <li>● come first/ second/ ... in their group</li> <li>● complain about/ criticise... – be criticised (for...) (by...)</li> </ul>   |
| Defenders/<br>Strikers/<br>...s                             | could<br>possibly/<br>probably<br>won't | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● concede lots of goals – concede few goals</li> <li>● draw with...</li> <li>● dribble (past...) (and...)</li> <li>● fight with...</li> <li>● find it difficult to/ have problems with...</li> <li>● foul... – be fouled (by...) (while...)</li> </ul>  |
| The...<br>formation/<br>tactic                              | almost<br>certainly<br>won't            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● get a (yellow/ red) card/ be sent off (for...)</li> <li>● go crazy when/ go crazy if...</li> <li>● impress... (with/ by...)/ be spotted by...</li> <li>● keep a clean sheet</li> <li>● let in... – save/ keep out...</li> <li>● lose... – win...</li> </ul>   |
| Group...  | definitely<br>won't                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● meet/ play against... (in the... round/ in...)</li> <li>● miss...</li> <li>● play every minute of...</li> <li>● play well – play badly</li> <li>● reach the (quarter/ semi) final(s)</li> <li>● reach the knockout stages/ the round of 32</li> <li>● score a free kick/ a penalty</li> <li>● score an early goal – score a last-minute goal</li> <li>● score few goals – score lots of goals</li> <li>● score from a header/ from a throw in/ with a bicycle kick</li> <li>● score...</li> <li>● take (all/ many/ most) corners/ throw-ins/ free kicks</li> <li>● take risks – play it safe/ play defensively</li> <li>● win on penalties – win in free play</li> <li>● win the 3rd-place playoff – lose the 3rd-place...</li> <li>● win the Golden.../ the... Award/ the... Trophy</li> </ul> |
| (name of<br>player)   | has to/<br>must                         |  |
| (name of<br>team)   | should/<br>ought to                     |  |
| (name of<br>manager)  | doesn't<br>have to                      |  |
| (name of a<br>region/<br>continent/<br>qualifying<br>group) | can                                     |  |
| (name of<br>stadium/<br>host city)                          | shouldn't                               |  |
|   | can't/<br>mustn't                       |  |