

# MODALITY WORDS

The strength of a statement may be varied by using words from these two different types of modality.

High Modality			Low Modality		
must	definitely	absolutely	possibly	appears	seems
surely	always		could	would appear to	maybe
certainty	never		might	possibility	rarely

1 Circle the low modality words in the following sentences.

- It appears to be broken.
- I could ask and see what they say.
- I might be able to get two free tickets.
- It is a possibility that we will run out of fossil fuels.
- They may have entered through the back gate.



Write the high modality words that are found in the following sentences.



- It is definitely broken.
- You must ask and see what they say.
- I never get two free tickets.
- We will certainly run out of fossil fuels.
- They always enter through the back gate.

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## Text Type: Discussion

### SHOULD SCHOOL UNIFORMS BE BANNED?

If uniforms were banned we could wear our own clothes to school. Casual clothes would express our personality and individuality. It could also be fun to change your school clothing when you wished. However, constantly buying new clothes might prove to be a financial burden for many families. Current fashion trends are always expensive.

In some cases uniforms could also prove to be expensive. But, what would be more expensive; constantly buying new outfits to wear to school, or buying one or two uniforms that could possibly last years?

Uniforms suggest that everybody is equal. While wearing a school uniform nobody appears to be better or more stylish than anybody else. Wearing some types of casual clothes could cause exclusion or bullying.

Wearing uniforms could also provide safety for the students. Intruders would certainly be spotted more easily by their lack of uniform.

In my opinion, school uniforms should definitely not be banned!



5 Write whether each excerpt uses low or high modality.

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- Uniforms suggest that everybody is equal.
- Wearing some types of casual clothes could cause exclusion or bullying.
- Intruders would certainly be spotted more easily...
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