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> Put these verbs on a scale, from the least to the most likely

might   may   could   would   can

Least   Most
likely   likely

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> In English you can use modal verbs to phrase hypotheses and you must choose it to reflect your degree of certainty.

Might > lower level of possibility, even <u>uncertainty</u> or <u>speculation</u>.

May > a possibility that is <u>likely, though not guaranteed</u>.

Could > slightly more likely, hypothetical or <u>potential</u>.

Would > depends on certain <u>conditions</u> being met. (*If cars drove themselves, then roads would be safer.*)

Can > an ability or potential <u>based on what is possible</u>.

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/!\ Never followed by a conjugated verb.

*Ex: In the future, AI **might** become superintelligent.*

*It **could** have been imagined by a sci-fi writer.*

~~Will can~~ -> will be able to