**Modality Learning Tasks**

**Activity 1- Highlight the use of modality in this persuasive piece:**

Watching too much TV is extremely bad for your health. Teenagers can spend 5 or 6 hours per day sitting or lying around watching TV and it is probable that this contributes to obesity.  On the other hand, reading books has never been associated with health problems. Therefore, reading books is completely safe for your health, while TV may cause problems.

**Activity 2- Use the following modal words to change the sentences (the area you should be looking at is in bold) and strengthen the arguments below.**

certainly must

extremely convinced

completely terribly

Performance enhancing-drugs in sport **should** be banned.

Dumping toxic waste in the local pond **would be** dangerous.

**I am thinking** that we should change the Australian flag.

**It is important** that we establish clear rules on school uniform.

We must overhaul the system **somewhat**.

**Tony Abbott is underrated** as a prime minister.

**Activity 3 - Write your own persuasive paragraph about needing to save the environment and include at least 3 of the following modal words, or make up 3 of your own (remember they need to be believable)**

probable  
extremely  
always  
necessary  
positive  
absolutely  
very  
often