

May - Might

May is used when the speaker is unsure of an assumption he makes about the future.



I may tell you the secret.



It might not be sunny tomorrow.

MODAL		STRUCTURE	EXAMPLES
MAY / MIGHT 50% SURE	+	Sujeto + may / might / + be + gerundio	He may be a star
	-	Sujeto + may / might + not + infinitivo	They might not come tonight.
	-	Sujeto + may / might + not + be + gerundio	They might not be joining us.

Activity

1 Complete the sentences below by using 'may (not)' and 'might (not)' to describe possibility. See the example.

- a There are some dark clouds in the sky. (may)

It may rain.

- b It's nine-thirty and Jack feels tired. (might)

He could rest a little

- c My class starts soon, but I'm not sure where the classroom is. (may not)

I may not go to class

- d** Sarah has some money and she is at a clothing store. (might)

I ~~may~~ might accompany her

- e** Kelly and Jenny are friends, but they live in different cities. They are both traveling to Washington this summer. (may)

The may meet

- f** I should go to work today, but I feel a little sick. (might not)

Maybe I might not go to work

2 Complete the sentences by choosing the best answers.

1. My family and I ... travel to Montreal next summer.

- might
 might be

2. John isn't in class today. I think he ... sick.

- might
 might be

3. I ... at work tomorrow morning because I have a bad cold.

- may be
 may not be

4. We ... have a grammar exam next week. Let's study!

- may be
 may not be

5. There's no sound coming from the radio. It ... broken.

- might
 might be

6. Many scientists think that there ... life on other planets.

- may
 may be



1 Fill in the blanks with "must" or "have to".

- a I'm tired. I have to go to bed early.
- b John must go to school on Saturdays
- c We must get another dog soon.
- d This is a great book. You must read it.
- e A soldier have to obey the orders.
- f We must go to London for meeting.
- g I think we must pay in advance.
- h You really must visit us soon.
- i You must try to spend more time at home.

2 Write down under each picture what you must/ mustn't/ don't have to/ do there?



They mustn't have a meeting in an elevator because it is not suitable for it and can make other people uncomfortable.

He does not have to be sleeping on the floor since it is uncomfortable.

This is how people must behave at the airport, in an organized way.

COULD
past simple

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Sujeto + **could** +
infinitivo

He **could** ride a horse when he was a teenager.

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Sujeto + **couldn't** +
infinitivo

She **couldn't** read when she was three.

?

Could + sujeto +
infinitivo?

Could you dance salsa when you were young?



Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences.

- a I could go to the party last night because I was sick.
- b A: can Noel cook Italian food? B: Yes, he can.

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- e My sister couldn't swim last year, but now she can.
- d They could go shopping yesterday because the store was closed.
- e A: could you read when you were four years old? B: Yes, I could.
- f Ellie can ride a bicycle. She rides it to school every day.
- g I'm very tired, so I can't go out to the park to play.
- h A: Could you see the moon last night? B: No, I couldn't.
- i When can I talk to you about the company report?
- j Most dinosaurs walked on land, but some could fly or even swim.
- k Excuse me, I can hear you right now. The music is too loud.
- l I can't drive a truck when I was only sixteen years old.
- m Douglas hit the tree because he could stop his car.

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2 Choose the correct word:

- a Can / Can't I use your calculator, please?
- b Could / Couldn't I have a cup of tea, please?
- c You can / can't borrow my calculator. I need it.
- d Marc can couldn't walk at the age of one.
- e He could / can speak French when he was fourteen.
- f Beethoven could / can play the piano.
- g Could / Couldn't I go to the theatre with Mary?
- h Can / Can't I go to the toilet please?
- i When I was 10, I couldn't / can't speak English.