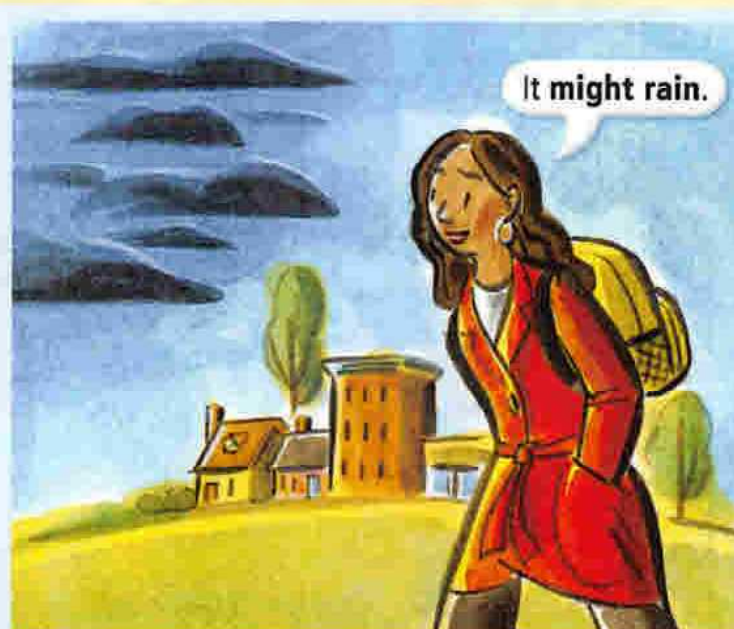


might

A



He **might go** to Costa Rica.
(= it is possible that he will go to Costa Rica)

It **might rain**.
(= it is possible that it will rain)

might + base form (might go / might be / might rain, etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it	might (not)	be go play come, etc.
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B

I might = it is possible that I will:

- I **might go** to the movies tonight, but I'm not sure. (= it is possible that I will go)
- A: When is Rebecca going to call you?
B: I don't know. She **might call** this afternoon.
- Take an umbrella with you. It **might rain**.
- Buy a lottery ticket. You **might be** lucky. (= perhaps you will be lucky)
- "Are you going out tonight?" "I **might**." (= I might go out)

Study the difference:

- I'm **playing** tennis tomorrow. (*sure*)
I **might play** tennis tomorrow. (*possible*)
- Rebecca **is going to call** later. (*sure*)
Rebecca **might call** later. (*possible*)

C

I might not = it is possible that I will not:

- I **might not go** to work tomorrow. (= it is possible that I will not go)
- Sue **might not come** to the party. (= it is possible that she will not come)

D

May

You can use **may** in the same way. **I may = I might:**

- I **may go** to the movies tonight. (= I might go)
- Sue **may not come** to the party. (= Sue might not come)

May I ... ? = Is it OK to ... ? / Can I ... ?:

- **May I** ask a question? (= is it OK to ask / can I ask?)
- "May I sit here?" "Sure."

30.1 Write sentences with *might*.

- (it's possible that I'll go to the movies) I might go to the movies.
- (it's possible that I'll see you tomorrow) I _____
- (it's possible that Sarah will forget to call) _____
- (it's possible that it will snow today) _____
- (it's possible that I'll be late tonight) _____

Write sentences with *might not*.

- (it's possible that Mark will not be here next week) _____
- (it's possible that I won't have time to go out) _____

30.2 Somebody is asking you about your plans. You have some ideas, but you are not sure. Choose from the list and write sentences with *I might*.

fish ~~Italy~~ Monday a new car take a trip take a taxi

- Where are you going for your vacation?
- What are you doing this weekend?
- When will you see Kate again?
- What are you going to have for dinner?
- How are you going to get home tonight?
- I hear you won some money. What are you going to do with it?

I'm not sure. I might go to Italy.
 I don't know. I _____
 I'm not sure. _____
 I don't know. _____
 I'm not sure. _____
 I haven't decided yet. _____

30.3 You ask Bill questions about his plans for tomorrow. Sometimes he is sure, but usually he is not sure.

- Are you playing tennis tomorrow?
- Are you going out tomorrow evening?
- Are you going to get up early?
- Are you working tomorrow?
- Will you be at home tomorrow morning?
- Are you going to watch television?
- Are you going out in the afternoon?
- Are you going shopping?

Yes, in the afternoon.
 Possibly.
 Maybe.
 No, I'm not.
 Maybe.
 I might.
 Yes, I am.
 Perhaps. I'm not sure.



Bill

Now write about Bill. Use *might* where necessary.

- He's playing tennis tomorrow afternoon.
- He might go out tomorrow evening.
- He _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

30.4 Write three things that you might do tomorrow.

- _____
- _____
- _____