

A



He **might go** to New York.

(= it is possible that he will go to New York)

It **might rain**.

(= it is possible that it will rain)

might + *infinitive* (**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 cinema this evening, but I'm not sure. (= it is possible that I will go)
- ☐ A: When is Rebecca going to phone you?
B: I don't know. She **might phone** 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 phone** later. (*sure*)
Rebecca **might phone** 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 cinema this evening. (= 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?' 'Yes, of course.'

29.1 Write sentences with might.

- 1 (it's possible that I'll go to the cinema) I might go to the cinema.
- 2 (it's possible that I'll see you tomorrow) I
- 3 (it's possible that Sarah will forget to phone)
- 4 (it's possible that it will snow today)
- 5 (it's possible that I'll be late tonight)

Write sentences with might not.

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

29.2 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 go away ~~Italy~~ Monday a new car taxi

- 1 Where are you going for your holidays?
- 2 What are you doing at the weekend?
- 3 When will you see Kate again?
- 4 What are you going to have for dinner?
- 5 How are you going to get home tonight?
- 6 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.

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

- 1 Are you playing tennis tomorrow?
- 2 Are you going out tomorrow evening?
- 3 Are you going to get up early?
- 4 Are you working tomorrow?
- 5 Will you be at home tomorrow morning?
- 6 Are you going to watch television?
- 7 Are you going out in the afternoon?
- 8 Are you going shopping?

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



Bill

Now write about Bill. Use might where necessary.

- 1 He's playing tennis tomorrow afternoon.
- 2 He might go out tomorrow evening.
- 3 He
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

29.4 Write three things that you might do tomorrow.

- 1
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- 3