

Exercises

29.1 Write these sentences in a different way using **might**.

- 1 Perhaps Helen is in her office. *She might be in her office.*
- 2 Perhaps Helen is busy. _____
- 3 Perhaps she is working. _____
- 4 Perhaps she wants to be alone. _____
- 5 Perhaps she was ill yesterday. _____
- 6 Perhaps she went home early. _____
- 7 Perhaps she had to go home early. _____
- 8 Perhaps she was working yesterday. _____

In sentences 9–11 use **might not**.

- 9 Perhaps she doesn't want to see me. _____
- 10 Perhaps she isn't working today. _____
- 11 Perhaps she wasn't feeling well yesterday. _____

29.2 Complete each sentence with a verb in the correct form.

- 1 'Where's Ben?' 'I'm not sure. He might *be having* lunch.'
- 2 'Who is that man with Anna?' 'I'm not sure. It might _____ her brother.'
- 3 A: Who was the man we saw with Anna yesterday?
B: I'm not sure. It may _____ her brother.
- 4 A: What are those people doing by the side of the road?
B: I don't know. I suppose they might _____ for a bus.
- 5 'Is Sarah here?' 'I can't see her. She may not _____ yet.'

29.3 Read the situation and make sentences from the words in brackets. Use **might**.

- 1 I can't find Jeff anywhere. I wonder where he is.
a (he / go / shopping) *He might have gone shopping.*
b (he / play / tennis) *He might be playing tennis.*
- 2 I'm looking for Sophie. Do you know where she is?
a (she / watch / TV) _____
b (she / go / out) _____
- 3 I can't find my umbrella. Have you seen it?
a (it / be / in the car) _____
b (you / leave / in the restaurant) _____
- 4 Why didn't Dan answer the doorbell? I'm sure he was at home at the time.
a (he / go / to bed early) _____
b (he / not / hear / the doorbell) _____
c (he / be / in the shower) _____

29.4 Complete the sentences using **might not have ...** or **couldn't have ...**.

- 1 A: Do you think Sarah got the message I sent her?
B: No, she would have replied. *She couldn't have got it.*
- 2 A: I was surprised Amy wasn't at the meeting. Perhaps she didn't know about it.
B: That's possible. *She might not have known about it.*
- 3 A: I wonder why they haven't replied to the email I sent. Do you think they received it?
B: Maybe not. They _____
- 4 A: I wonder how the fire started. Was it an accident?
B: No, the police say it _____
- 5 A: Mike says he needs to see you. He tried to find you yesterday.
B: Well, he _____ very hard. I was in my office all day.
- 6 A: The man you spoke to – are you sure he was American?
B: No, I'm not sure. He _____