

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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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. (= maybe you will be lucky)
- A: Are you going out tonight?
B: **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)

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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)

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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."

Exercises

Unit 27

27.1 Write sentences with **might**.

- (it's possible that I'll go to the movies)
- (it's possible that I'll see you tomorrow)
- (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)

I might go to the movies.

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Write sentences with **might not**.

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

27.2 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** **a trip** **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
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I'm not sure. I might go to Italy.
I don't know.
I'm not sure.
I haven't decided yet.

27.3 You ask Ben 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 TV?
- 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.

Maybe. I'm not sure.



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

1 He's playing tennis tomorrow afternoon.

2 He might go out tomorrow evening.

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27.4 Write three things that you **might** do tomorrow.

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