

41 Future possibilities

Use “might” to show you’re not sure if you’ll do something. It’s a possibility and you don’t want to say that you “will” or you “won’t.”

 **New language** Using “might”

Aa Vocabulary Activities, food, and pastimes

 **New skill** Talking about future possibilities

41.1 KEY LANGUAGE “MIGHT” WITH FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

“Will” and “won’t” describe things that are certain to happen or certain not to happen. Use “might” to show that something is not certain.

 **Negative**
I **won’t have** a vacation. I don’t have enough money. 

 **Possible**
I **might have** a vacation. I have some money. 

 **Positive**
I **will have** a vacation because I have lots of money. 



41.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES “MIGHT” WITH FUTURE POSSIBILITIES



To form the negative, add “not” between “might” and the verb. In UK English, it can be shortened to “mightn’t.”

 He **might not go** to Rome this year. He doesn’t know yet.



I **might speak** English at the party tonight as there are British people coming.



TIP

“Might” isn’t normally used in questions.

41.3 HOW TO FORM “MIGHT” WITH FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

SUBJECT	“MIGHT”	MAIN VERB	REST OF SENTENCE
I / You He / She / It We / They	might might not mightn’t	have	a vacation.

As with all modal verbs, “might” doesn’t change with the subject.

Use the base form of the main verb.



41.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

She to might party. my come

She might come to my party.

1 dad My me give some money. might

2 might Helen test. driving pass her

3 bar. might I not a chocolate eat

4 They not have party. a might



41.5 REWRITE THE HIGHLIGHTED PHRASES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Hi Bill,

I'm excited about our hiking trip on Saturday. **It might rains** in the afternoon so **we wills go** in the morning. **I'll brings** some water, but **I willn't bring** any food. **We mighs wanting** to stop at one of the pubs on our walk. What do you think? See you this weekend,

Matt

It might rain

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____



41.6 FILL IN THE GAPS USING "WON'T," "MIGHT," AND "WILL"

NEGATIVE

POSSIBLE

POSITIVE

I **won't** buy a computer.

I might buy a computer.

I will buy a computer.

1 _____

2 _____

3 You **won't** remember that.

4 _____

5 _____

6 The dog **won't** eat this food.

He **might** be late again.

She **might** become a teacher.

They **will** make dinner.

We **will** win the game!

41.7 KEY LANGUAGE "MIGHT" WITH UNCERTAINTY

You can use other phrases along with "might" to emphasize that you are uncertain about something.



I **might** go to town. I'm not sure.

I **don't know**. I **might** have more pizza.



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41.8 MATCH THE QUESTIONS TO THE ANSWERS

When are you going to clean your room?

I don't know. I might live in Boston.

1 Where will you live next year?

I might get a summer job. I'm not sure.

2 What will you do before you start college?

I might do it this afternoon. I'm not sure.

3 How much money are you taking on vacation?

I'm not sure. I might take about \$300.



41.9 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Will John go to work today?

Yes, he will. ☐

He might. ☒

No, he won't. ☐

3 Will Elliot be late for the concert?

Yes, he will. ☐

He might. ☐

No, he won't. ☐

1 Is Mel going to the party this evening?

Yes, she is. ☐

She might. ☐

No, she isn't. ☐

4 Will Elsa study English?

Yes, she will. ☐

She might. ☐

No, she won't. ☐

2 Are Donna and Elise going swimming today?

Yes, they are. ☐

They might. ☐

No, they're not. ☐

5 Will Delilah travel by bus today?










Yes, she will. ☐

She might. ☐

No, she won't. ☐



41.10 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD USING "WILL," "MIGHT," AND "WON'T"

	POSITIVE	POSSIBLE	NEGATIVE
ABAN	 go on vacation this year	 1 learn French	 2 run a marathon
NADIYA	 3 become a doctor	 4 write a book	 5 do a bungee jump
JACK	 6 get a dog	 7 buy a motorcycle	 8 move house

Aban will go on vacation this year.

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41 ☒ CHECKLIST



Using "might" ☐

Aa Activities, food, and pastimes ☐



Talking about future possibilities ☐