

may / might



The weather **might** continue to change. We **may** get more storms. We **may** get hotter and wetter summers.

Language focus

Use **may** / **might** to talk about an action that is possible now or in the future.

We **might** win this match.

After **may** and **might**, use the **infinitive without to**.

We **may** go to Venice this summer not *We may to go to Venice this summer.*

May and **might** are often used similarly to **could**.

It **may** / **might** / **could** rain later.

However, notice the difference between them.

We **could** watch the new Star Wars film.

(Watching the Star Wars film is one of the many things that it is possible for us to do.)

We **might** see the new Spider-Man film.

(It is possible but not certain that we will do it.)

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.

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- 1 I may not **enter** the chess tournament.
- 2 Miss Smith says we may _____ another History test next week.
- 3 Carrie says she may _____ writing a blog.
- 4 I may not _____ to the party tomorrow. I've got too much homework to do.
- 5 Andreas might not _____ to watch it. He doesn't like fantasy films.
- 6 It may _____ hot at the weekend. If it is, let's go to the beach.

2 Match 1–6 with a–f.

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| 1 We may not play tennis this afternoon. | a That's what it said on the weather forecast. | _____ |
| 2 I might meet Julia tonight. | b I'll join them if I finish my English project. | _____ |
| 3 My friends may go to the beach on Sunday. | c I think we're good enough. | _____ |
| 4 My sister might not go to university in the UK. | d She may go somewhere in the USA instead. | _____ |
| 5 Our team might win this year. | e She's back from Galicia. | _____ |
| 6 It may snow at the weekend. | f Mum said it might rain. | _____ 1 |

3 Are the sentences correct or incorrect? Correct the sentences you think are wrong.

- 1 It might being really cold at the weekend.
Incorrect It might be really cold at the weekend.
- 2 Helen might not want anything to eat.

- 3 Sam says he may to come to the party on Saturday.

- 4 We may spend a week in Lisbon in the summer.

- 5 I might gone to the cinema tomorrow afternoon.

- 6 The polar ice caps might melting.

4 Circle the correct forms of *may* and *might*.

- 1 My weather app says there _____ be a storm coming. Let's go inside!
 a ☒ may b may not
- 2 Boris _____ come to the park on Sunday. His grandparents are visiting.
 a might not b might
- 3 We _____ have a picnic tomorrow. Would you like to come?
 a may not b may
- 4 Cristina _____ be uploading some of her songs to YouTube later. She said she wants to share her new material.
 a might b might not
- 5 We _____ go to the pool tomorrow. Everyone wants to go on the new slide!
 a might b might not
- 6 Rana _____ know about the concert. Let's text him and tell him all about it!
 a might not b might