

MODALS & PARTIES

We can use the modals such as "may", "might" and "could" to talk about possibilities in conversations about parties and events.

We **could** get a caterer.
That **might** be expensive.
John **may** be able to cook for us.

Task One. Choose the correct words.

1. Let's have the party inside. It **could** / **might** rain.
2. We **could** / **couldn't** use paper plates. That way, there's less washing up.
3. Raj and Ellen **may not** / **not may** be able to come to the party.
4. A disc jockey. That **couldn't** / **may** be the best idea yet!
5. We **could** **have** / **could have** a door prize for a lucky winner.
6. Playing games **might have** / **might be** a good way to start the party.
7. The best solution **may be** / **may** to just order a pizza.
8. Sorry, but I **might not be** / **not might be** able to come to your party.



Task Two. Read the first sentence. Then, complete the second sentence using the modal given in capital letters to make a sentence have the same meaning as the first. Look at the example.

EXAMPLE. A party is a nice idea. (WOULD)

It would be nice to have a party.

1. It would be helpful if you brought some drinks. (COULD)

You could bring some drinks.

2. I don't want a picnic since rain is possible (MAY)

I don't want a picnic since it may.

3. It's your birthday. It's a good idea for us to have a party. (SHOULD)

It's your birthday. We should have a party.

4. A restaurant is possibly too expensive. (MIGHT)

A restaurant might be too expensive.

5. A DVD party is a very boring idea. (WOULD)

A DVD party would be very boring.

