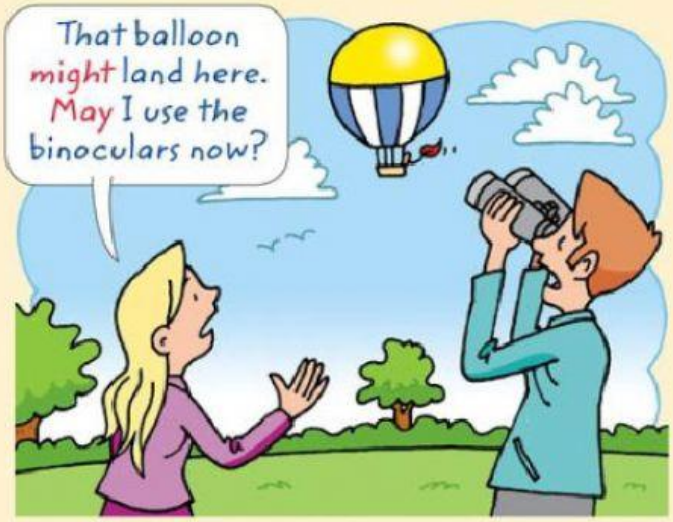
Might and **may** for possibility



Might and **may** are modal verbs. We use **might** and **may** to talk about something that is possible, but not definite.

Subject	*might (not) / may (not)*	Base form
It	**might**	land here.
She	**may**	want help.

We use **might** / **may** and **might not** / **may not** to talk about present possibilities.

is might (may) be might (may) not be isn't

*There **might** be a message on it.*
*James **may** have a pen.*

We also use **might** / **may** and **might not** / **may not** to talk about future possibilities.

will might (may) might (may) not won't

*You **might** hurt someone.*
*It **may** land here.*

We often use **I think ...** with **might** / **may** and **might not** / **may not** when we are not sure about the possibilities.
***I think I might** go home now.*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

15.1 **What might happen? Complete the sentences with the endings below. Then listen and check.**

~~eat it~~ pop help you be a fox see a rainbow



▶ The cat might *eat it* !



1 I think this might _____.



2 We might _____.



3 Is it a dog? It might _____.



4 The balloon might _____!

Are the sentences in exercise 1 about a present (P) or future (F) possibility? Write P or F.

▶ *P* 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

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15.4 Add responses a–e to the conversations in pictures 1–4. Listen and check, then act out the conversations with a partner.

a It might be in your bag.
b I think you might have flu.
c Do you think it might be Carla?
~~d It might snow.~~
e It might be a present for me!







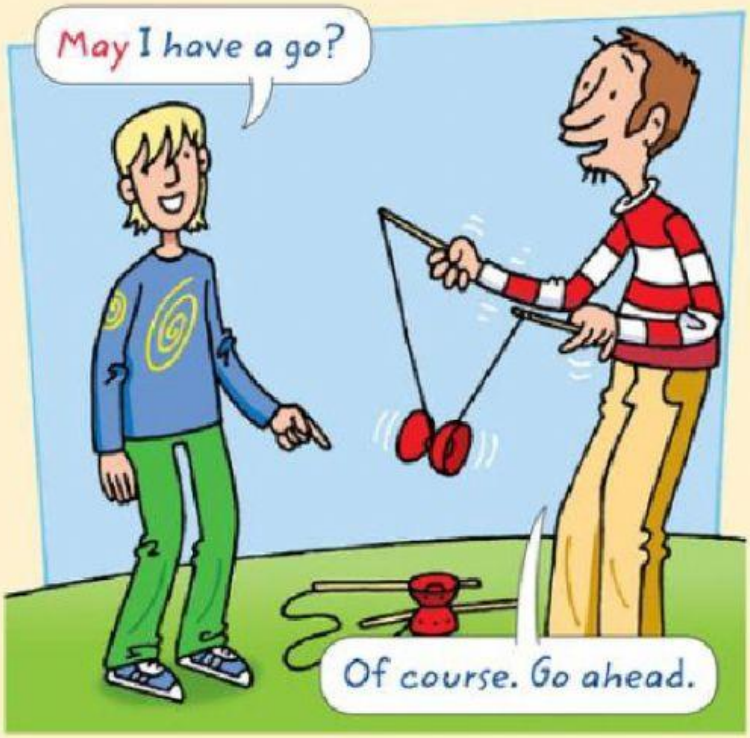




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May for permission

We can use **may** in questions to ask for permission.
We also use **could** but **may** is more formal.



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Write the questions in the correct order. Then practise the conversations with a partner.

▶ I / ask / a question / may

May I ask a question?

Yes, go ahead. What is it?

1 borrow / I / your / may / dictionary

?

Yes, of course.

2 photocopier / may / use / I / the

?

I'm afraid it's not working at the moment.

3 my bike / here / leave / I / may

?

Yes, of course. It'll be fine here.

4 have / may / a cake / I

?

No, you may not! You've just had breakfast!

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