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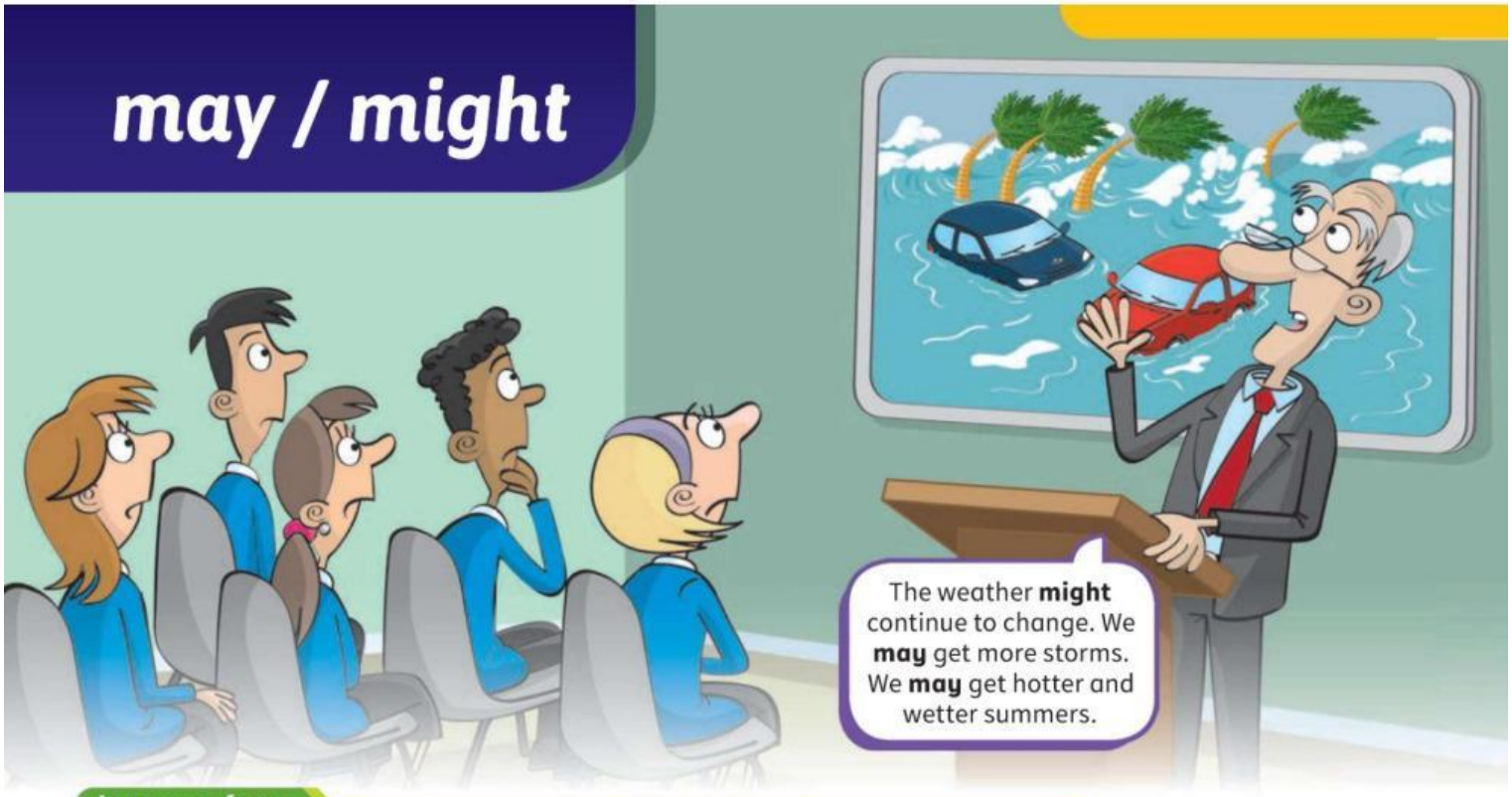

Language focus

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.

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2 Match 1–6 with a–f.

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

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