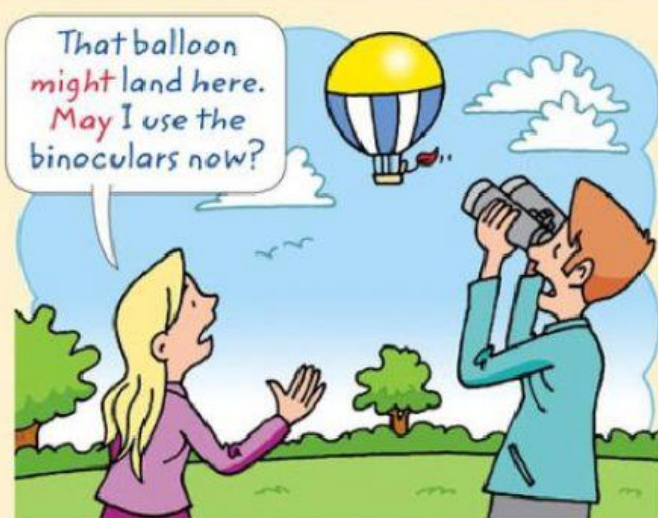


Might and may for possibility



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

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

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

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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.

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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.*

May for permission

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



We use **should** to give opinions and advice.

Subject	<i>should (not)</i>	Base form
I / he / she / it / we / you / they	should shouldn't	tell him. be here.

*We **should** get a taxi.*

*You **shouldn't** do that.*

We form questions like this.

<i>should</i>	Subject	Base form
Should	I / he / she / it / we / you / they	leave? open it?

***Should** I tell Dave? Yes, you **should**.*

***What should** I do?*

We often use **I think ...** and **I don't think ...**
with **should**.

***I think** he **should** leave now.*

***I don't think** you **should** eat a lot of sweets.*