



MAY / MIGHT / COULD

1 Look at the following chart; then complete the exercises below.

MODALS OF POSSIBILITY: MAY, MIGHT, COULD.

SUBJECT	MODAL VERB	MAIN VERB	COMPLEMENT
I		leave	
You		run	
He		work	
She	may	study	
It	might	rain	
We	could	go	
You		rest	
They		sleep	tomorrow.

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2 Choose the correct option.



Luke: Hi, do you want to go out and get some lunch?

Lucy: Yes, that would be great.

Luke: I want to try the new café on the corner of High Street.

Lucy: Are you sure? It's very small and we **may / may not** have to sit outside.

Luke: Yes, that's why I want to go. It's autumn already and the weather **might / might not** be good for eating outside again until the spring.

Lucy: It looks as if it **might / might not** rain soon. There has been some rain this morning.

Luke: No, the sky is clear and you can see the sun. That will **could / could not** be warm.

Lucy: But there's a gusty wind that makes it a bit chilly.

Luke: We can wear our coats. It's been overcast for weeks. I want to sit in the sun for a bit.

Lucy: Ok, but if it starts to snow we have to go inside, alright.

3

Complete the sentences so they have similar meanings. Use the words in brackets and the correct verbs.

1 I don't know if the new science fiction film is out this week. It's possible. (**could**)

The new science fiction film **could be** out this week.

2 I sent Ann a text to ask her to come to the cinema, but she hasn't replied yet. (**might**)

Ann **.....** to the cinema.

3 It's uncertain if his next film is going to be good. (**may**)

His next film **.....** good.

4 There are two films to see at the cinema: a thriller and an action film. (**could**)

We **.....** a thriller or an action film.

5 I'm not sure if Rob will enjoy the new crime drama. (**might**)

Rob **.....** the new crime drama.

6 Perhaps my favourite actor will visit my town one day. (**may**)

My favourite actor **.....** my town one day.

7 Maybe the new comedy film will be very funny. (**might**)

The new comedy film **.....** very funny.

4

Guess who it is. Use might, could or may to do the following exercise.

1 He studied journalism and advertising at college.

He **might be** a marketing manager.

2 He wears a wedding ring.

3 He speaks with an American accent.

4 He gives a lot of money to charity.

5 He travels to lots of film festivals for work.

6 He has six children.