

Grammar Focus: Talking About the Future

1. Be about to + verb

We use "**be about to**" to talk about something that will happen very soon.

- **Example (present):** She **is about to** start her new job.
- **Example (past):** He **was about to** leave when the phone rang.

2. May / Might / Could + verb

We use **may**, **might**, and **could** to **speculate** or guess about the future.

- **Example:** It **might rain** tomorrow.
- **Example:** They **could arrive** late.
- **Example:** We **may see** him at the party.

Practice Exercise

A. Choose the correct form (A, B, or C) to complete each sentence.

1. I think she _____ pass her driving test.
A. is about to
B. may
C. was about to
2. We _____ to leave when it started raining.
A. are about
B. may
C. were about
3. He _____ call you later.
A. might
B. about to
C. are going to
4. I _____ to start my homework when the power went out.
A. was about
B. might
C. could
5. They _____ get home before us.
A. is about to
B. might
C. was about

B. Fill in the blanks with "may," "might," "could," or the correct form of "be about to."

6. She _____ go shopping later.

7. We _____ to eat dinner when you called.
8. It _____ snow tonight.
9. I _____ leave; can we talk quickly?
10. They _____ win the game if they score one more goal.
