

UNIT 5

GRAMMAR: POSSIBILITY

WILL/MAY/MIGHT

- What **will** happen?
 - What **may** happen?
 - What **might** happen?
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- We use *will, may and might* to talk about predictions based on opinions: something that we believe or calculate.



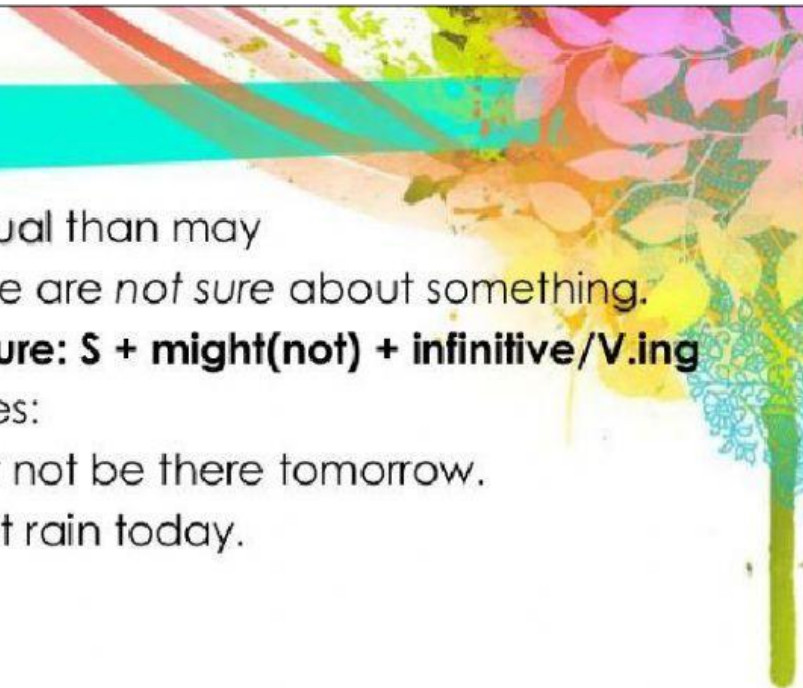
Might

- More usual than may
- When we are *not sure* about something.

Structure: S + might(not) + infinitive/V.ing

Examples:

- I might not be there tomorrow.
- It might rain today.





May, might and will

- Possibility: we use may or might to talk about something that it is possible now or in the future.
 - I **may / might** go to Mexico next year.
 - You **may / might not** have a problem with your computer.
- **May & might** have the same meaning. They both express **a possibility**.
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- We use may & might when we are **not certain** about something.
 - I may arrive late. (it is possible)



Predictions

- We use **will** to make **predictions**. Sometimes we are sure. Sometimes we aren't sure.
- **will** definitely – 100%
- **will** probably – 70%
- may/might – 50%
- probably **won't** – 30%
- definitely **won't** – 0%

ADVERBS OF PROBABILITY AND POSSIBILITY

CERTAIN



I **will definitely** vote when I'm 18. -> *affirmative sentence*

People will **probably** live longer in the future. -> *affirmative sentence*

I **probably won't** learn to speak Swahili. -> *negative sentence*

Perhaps I'll study in the USA. -> *at the beginning*

Maybe I'll get married in the future. -> *at the beginning*

NOT CERTAIN

ADVERBS GO BETWEEN WILL AND THE INFINITE IN AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES:

EX: I WILL DEFINITELY GO TO THE CINEMA NEXT SUMMER.

ADVERBS GO BEFORE WILL AND THE INFINITE IN NEGATIVE SENTENCES:

EX: I CERTAINLY WON'T TRAVEL ABROAD NEXT YEAR.

Look and complete the sentences with *will*, *won't* or *might*.



1. Tomorrow, Rick _____ play tennis.
2. Next week, Miss Maya _____ give us a Maths test!
3. This evening, Maura _____ wash the dishes.
4. Tonight, Fred _____ take his dog for a walk.
5. In the evening, Coco _____ have a long bath.
6. This month, Rico and Lara _____ fight all the time.