

BASIC WORKSHEET- 3

Grade- VII

Name of the Student: _____ Grade/Sec: _____ Branch _____

ENGLISH

May and might

We use may and might to talk about possible actions or happenings in the future;

- I haven't decided yet where to spend my holidays. I may go to Ireland. (=perhaps go to Ireland)
- Take an umbrella with you when you go out. It might rain later .(=perhaps it)
- The bus doesn't always come on time .we might have to wait a few minutes. .(= perhaps we will have to wait)

The negative forms are may not and might not (mightn't):

- Ann may not come to the party to night .she isn't it well.(=perhaps she will not)
- There might not be a meeting on Friday because the director is ill (=perhaps not be a meeting.)

Usually it doesn't matter whether you may or might ,so you can say:

- I may go to Ireland. Or I might go to Ireland.
- Jane might be able to help you .or Jane may be able to help you.

But we use only we might (not may) when the situation is not real:

- If I knew them better, I might invite them to dinner.

(The situation here is not real because I don't know them very well, so I 'm not going invite them 'May' is not possible in this example)

There is also continuous form: may/might be be -ing compare this with will be -ing

- Don't phone at 8:30 I'll be watching the football on television.
- Don't phone at 8:30 I might be watching (or I may be watching) the football on television (=perhaps I'll be watching it)
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We also use may/ might Be -ing possible plan. Compare:

- I 'm going to Ireland in July. (for sure)

- I may be going (or I might be going) to Ireland in July (possible)

But you can also say 'I may go (or I might go) to Ireland...' with little difference of meaning

Might as well may as well

Study the example

Helen and Clare have just missed the bus. The buses run every hour.

What shall we do? Shall we walk?

We might as well. It's a nice day and I don't want to wait here for an hour.

'(We) might as well do something' = (We) should do something because there is nothing better to do and there is no reason not to do it.
You can also say 'may as well'.



- A: What time are you going?
- B: Well, I'm ready, so I might as well go now. (or... I may as well go now)
- The buses are so expensive these days, you might as well get a taxi .(= Taxis are no more expensive)

Exercises

I. Write sentences with May or might

- Where are you going for your holidays? (To Ireland???)
I haven't decided yet. I _____
- What sort of car are you going to buy? (a Mercedes???)
I am not sure yet. I _____
- What are you doing this weekend? (Go to London???)
I haven't decided yet _____
- Where are you going to hang that picture? (In the dining room???)
I haven't made up my mind yet _____
- When is tom coming to see us? (On Saturday)
I don't know yet _____
- What is Julia going to do when she leaves school? (Go to university???)
She hasn't decided yet _____

II. Complete the sentence using *might* +one of these verbs

1. Bite break need rain slip wake

2. Take an umbrella with you when you go out. It _____ might rain later.
3. Don't make too much noise .you _____ the baby.
4. Be careful of that dog It _____ you.
5. I don't think we should throw that letter away we _____ it later.
6. Be careful. The footpath is very high icy. You _____
7. I don't want the children to play in this room. They _____ something

III. Complete the sentences using *might be able to* or *might have to* less a suitable verb

1. I can't help you but why don't you ask Jill? She _____ you.
2. I can't meet you this evening but I _____ you tomorrow evening.
3. I 'm not working on Saturday but I _____ on Sunday
4. George isn't well .He _____ to hospital for an operation.

IV. Write sentences with name not or might not

1. (I don't know if Ann will come to the party). _____
2. (I don't know if I'll go out this evening)I _____
3. (I don't know if Tom will like the present I bought for him)
Tom _____
4. (I don't know if you sue will be able to meet us this evening.)

V. Read the situations and make sentences with *may* *might* as well

1. You and a friend have just missed the bus. The buses run every hour
You say: we I'll have to wait an hour for the next bus. We might as well as walk
2. You have a free ticket for a concert. you 're not very keen on the concert but you decided to go
You say: I _____ to the concert. It's a pity to waste a free ticket.
3. You are in cafe with a friend .you've finished your drinks. It's a nice cafe and there is no reason to go now, so why not have another drink?
You say: we _____ what would you like?
4. You and a friend are at home .you are bored. There's a film on TV starting in a few minutes
You say: _____ There's nothing else to do