

Exercise 1 :Choose the correct words in *italics*. If both are correct, choose both.

Exercise 2 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use a suitable form of

MIKE Hi, Rob. I haven't seen you for ages! What are you doing in the gym?

ROB Trying to get fitter, of course. How are you?

MIKE I'm fine. I always thought you were super-fit because of all your cycling.

ROB Oh that. Well, you know how it is, you get a job, get married ...

MIKE But you (1) *could be / could have been* an Olympic cyclist – you used to be fantastic!

ROB Maybe not that good! Well, I was in a good club, and anyone (2) *could / may* apply to join the teams, but there were people there a lot better than me, and you know, cycling (3) *can / might* be very competitive.

MIKE I'm sure, but it's still a pity. Aren't you cycling at all now?

ROB Oh yeah, just not so intensively. I'm still in a club and I was thinking ... I (4) *might / could* try the Tour de France in a couple of years' time.

MIKE Wow! That would be awesome! It's such a long ...

ROB No, no, I certainly (5) *can't / won't* be able to do it all. I (6) *might / could* not even be able to do more than a couple of stages. It's difficult with work and everything.

MIKE Yes, but what an opportunity!

ROB Mmm, if I felt I was fit enough, then I (7) *could / might* ask for some unpaid leave. Anyway, why don't you come along to the club?

MIKE Really? (8) *Do you think they might / Might they* let me in?

ROB It's worth a try. How about next Saturday ...?



can, could, mayor might, as in the example.

- 0 Given some luck, our team has a good chance of winning the final next month.
 With any luck *our team might win the final next month*.....
- 1 The service in this restaurant is sometimes quite surly.
 The service
- 2 Ten years ago my neighbour offered me his apartment for \$30,000 but I didn't buy it.
 Ten years ago I
- 3 It would be possible to issue the tickets today if you gave us your credit card number.
 We
- 4 When I was at university, it was generally possible for students to have a good lifestyle.
 When I was at university,
- 5 Is it possible that the disparity in the figures is due to a computer error?
 Do
- 6 Perhaps the shuttle bus isn't operating at the moment – it is the low season.
 The shuttle bus
- 7 Perhaps Jim took it; he was in the office all day yesterday.
 Jim
- 8 It's quite possible that my sister will become an opera star – she has a lovely voice.
 My sister

Exercise 3 Make these sentences with may or might. The First Four sentences are present

Examples: "Do you know if Jack is in his office?" "*I'm not sure. He may be in his office...*"
 "Do you know if Joan likes ice cream?" "*I'm not sure. She might like ice cream.*"

1. "Do you know if they are married?" "I'm not sure. They"
2. "Do you know if she wants to go?" "I'm not sure."
3. "Do you know if he's telling the truth?" "I'm"
4. "Do you know if he has a car?" "I"

The next three sentences are past.

Examples: "Do you know if he was serious?" "*I'm not sure. He might have been serious.*"
 "Do you know if they were looking?" "*I'm not sure. They may have been looking.*"

5. "Do you know if she was sick?" "I'm not sure. She"
6. "Do you know if she told anybody?" "I"
7. "Do you know if they were listening?" "....."

Use may not or might not.

Example: "Is Jack in his office?" "*I'm not sure. He might not be in his office.....*"

8. "Does she want to go?" "....."
9. "Is he telling the truth?" "....."
10. "Are they ready?" "....."

Exercise 3

Write sentences to explain each situation. Use the words in parentheses (. . .) to make your sentences.

Example: I can't find George anywhere. I wonder where he is.

- a) (he might / go / shopping) *He might have gone shopping.*
b) (he could / play / tennis) *He could be playing tennis.*

1. Look! Sue's going out. I wonder where she's going.

- a) (she may / go / to the theater)
b) (she could / go / to a party)

2. Why didn't Tom answer the doorbell? I'm sure he was in the house at the time.

- a) (he may / go / to bed early)
b) (he might not / hear / the bell)

3. How do you think the fire started?

- a) (someone may / drop / a cigarette)
b) (it could / be / a short circuit)

4. I wonder where Liz was going when you saw her.

- a) (she might / go / to work)
b) (she may / go / shopping)

5. George didn't come to the party. I wonder why not.

- a) (he might / have / to go somewhere else)
b) (he may not / know / about it)

Exercise 4

Talk about future plans. You are not sure what is going to happen. Use **may** or **might**.

Example: Where are you going on your vacation? (to Brazil???)

I haven't decided yet, but *I may (or might) go to Brazil.*

1. What kind of car are you going to buy? (a Toyota???)

I'm not sure yet, but I

2. What are you doing this weekend? (go skiing???)

I don't know for sure, but

3. Where are you going to hang that picture? (in the dining room???)

I haven't made up my mind yet, but

4. When is Tom coming to see us? (tomorrow evening???)

I'm not sure, but

5. What's Jill going to do when she graduates? (go to a business college???)

She hasn't decided yet, but

Exercise 5

Talk about possible happenings. Use the word(s) in parentheses (...).

Examples: Do you think it will rain this afternoon? (may) *It may rain this afternoon.*
Do you think Ann will come to the party? (might not)
She might not come to the party.

1. Do you think Bob will be late? (may) He
2. Do you think Amy will be able to find our house? (might not) She
3. Do you think there'll be a rainstorm tonight? (might) There
4. Do you think Tony will pass the exam? (may not)
5. Do you think they'll be waiting for us when we arrive? (might)
6. Do you think it'll snow later? (may)

Exercise 6 Produce -share -Read -Correct

Read these situations and make sentences with may/might as well.

1. You're in a coffee shop with a friend. You've just finished your coffee. You're not in a hurry, so you think you should both have another cup.
You say: We Are you ready for one?
2. Someone has given you a free ticket to a concert. You're not very interested in the concert, but you think you should go because you have a free ticket.
You say: I It's a shame to waste a free ticket.
3. You invited some friends to dinner, but they haven't come. The dinner has been ready for half an hour and you think you should begin without them.
You say: We I don't think they are coming.