May & Might

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Introduction

- May is used to express what is possible, factual, or could be factual. For example,

  ➔ He may lose his job.
  ➔ We may go on vacation.

- Might is used to express what is hypothetical, counterfactual, or remotely possible. For example,

  ➔ If you hurry, you might get there on time.
  ➔ If I had shown up on time, I might have kept my job.

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May: Definition and Uses

Give permission

- You **may** leave the table once you have finished your meal.
- You **may** take only one brochure.
- If you have finished the exam, you **may** leave the room.

May not can used to prohibit someone from doing something:

- You **may not** park your car in front of the gate.
- You **may not** take more than one brochure.

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