May & Might

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.

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.