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Grammar Reference

Modal verbs

“**Might**” or “**may**” is used to say that something is possible.

Example:

You are looking for David. Nobody is sure where he is. So, someone might say:

He **may be** in his office. (Perhaps he is in his office)

He **might be** having lunch. (Perhaps he is having lunch)

Ask Lisa. She **might know**. (Perhaps she knows)

Form:

...+ might/may + base form + ...

Note: Usually we can use both “**may**” or “**might**” to mean the same thing.

Example:

It **may be** true. OR It **might be** true.

She **might know**. OR She **may know**.

The negative forms are “**may not**” and “**might not**”.

“**Could**” is similar to “**may**” or “**might**”.

Example:

It’s a strange story, but it **could be** true. (It is possible that it’s true)