



## 1: "May" or "Might" when it comes to Tense

When a sentence is in the present tense, the preferred word to use is *may*:

She **may** join us for dinner.

Howard **may** call you soon.

We **may** go to the party.

When a sentence is in the past perfect tense, the preferred word to use is *might*.

I **might** have joined you last night if it weren't for the rain.

Elsa **might** have called, but my phone was on silent.

Lorraine **might** not have asked for help, but I knew she needed it.





## 2. "May" or "Might" When It Comes to Probability

If something is likely to happen (but there's still a small chance that it won't), the preferred word to use is *may*.

*It **may** rain tonight, but I'm still going to the concert.*

*Johanna **may** get a promotion.*

*We **may** go on vacation this summer.*

*Might, on the other hand, indicates a lower probability of something occurring. It could happen, but there's a high chance it won't.*

*If we take this upcoming exit, we **might** make it on time.*

*We all laughed when Jacob said he **might** win the lottery tonight.*

*Stick around and you just **might** find out.*



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