

MODAL VERB "MIGHT"

We use might when we want to express a possibility of something that we are not sure about we often use "might". This possibility is about a 50% chance.

Examples:

She **might** come to the dance with me, but I'm not sure.

She **might** be in her office; she was there about an hour ago.

Where's Maria? I don't know, she **might** be at home with her boyfriend.

Do you think they'll buy a car? They **might**, they were talking about buying one for a while. I **might** go to the beach later if it doesn't rain.

In the above five examples the speaker is not exactly sure of the answer to the situation.

The negative form of "might" is simply "might not" which emphasizes more doubt of the situation.

She **might not** come to the dance with me.

She **might not** be in her office; I saw her leave half an hour ago.

Where's Maria? I don't know, but she **might not** be home because I called her ten minutes ago and nobody answered.

Do you think they'll buy a new car? They **might not**, Raul said he doesn't think he'll have enough money yet.

I **might not** go to the beach because it might rain.

Might is also used as a soft suggestion. You

might study a little harder.

You **might** call your mother to tell her you'll be late for dinner. They **might** practice harder to win the game.

He **might** want to talk to his girlfriend to explain what happened. You **might** get up earlier to get to work on time.



Quiz A



Read the sentences carefully and determine if the modal verb might is being used to show a remote possibility (less than 50%) or to make a soft suggestion.

ρo	ssibility (less than 50%) of to make	a soft suggestion.	
1.	He said he might come to work late. He had to take his son to school.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
2.	You might want to do that math exercise again. I think it is wrong.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
3.	We might go to Mexico over the summer.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
4.	Excuse me Sir. You might want to check your coat at the front desk.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
5.	She said she might not get the job she applied for. She wasn't called for a third interview.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
6.	Jimmy, you might want to check that address again. I think we are lost.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
7.	Don't touch those wires. You might get a shock!		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
8.	You might want to take an umbrella with you. It is about to rain.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
9.	The economy might recover this year.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
10	. Your computer might have a virus	. It is freezing all the time.	
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	

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11	. You might want to try the shrimp a world.	at this sea food restaurant. Everybody says it is out of this	
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
12	. You need to wear a helmet at this construction site. You might hurt your head.		
	A. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
13. Peter might not be at home right now. He said he wanted to go to the movies.			
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
14. If you are looking for a good movie, you might want to check the new video store. They alway carry the new releases.			
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
15	5. If you want to go to a bar, don't forget to take your ID with you. They might now let you in without a proper form of ID to prove your age.		
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
16. If you want to recover from that bad cold, you might need to stay in bed for a couple of day			
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
17. Since you already started the project, you might as well finish it.			
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
18. I have a fever and my entire body hurts. I think I might have the flu.			
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
19. Mark, you might want to see this documentary. This is the kind of program you like to watch.			
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	
20. We might move to a new apartment soon. I heard the landlord wants to increase the rent.			
	B. Low possibility	B. Soft suggestion	