

Name _____ **Modal Auxiliaries**



may | might

May and *might* are modal auxiliary verbs. This means that they are used to modify the mood of a verb. *May* is used to express permission or possibility. The negative of *may* is *may not*. *Might* is also used to express possibility. The difference between them is that the possibility expressed by *might* is usually smaller. The negative of *might* is *might not*.

EXAMPLE: If I don't hurry, I *may* miss the bus.
I *might* become a concert pianist, if I start playing the piano,

Directions: Read each sentence below. Fill in the blank with *may* or *might*, as appropriate.

1. _____ I have a second slice of cake?
2. Whenever you get on an airplane, there is a chance it _____ crash.
3. I studied very hard, so I _____ get an A on the test.
4. Sue didn't study at all, but she still _____ get an A.
5. It _____ rain today, but I doubt it.
6. There is a 20% chance of precipitation today, so we _____ get any rain.
7. Caroline _____ win the contest, but I doubt it.
8. There is a good chance that Kevin _____ show up.