

CAN, COULD, MAY AND MIGHT

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leave now if you wish.

3 (Could/May)
you open the window a bit, please?

4 He (can/could)
be French, judging by his accent.

5 (May/Can)
you play the piano?

6 Listen, please. You (may not/might not)
speak during this exam.

7 They (can't/may not)
still be out!

8 You (couldn't/might not)
smoke on the bus.

9 With luck, tomorrow (can/could)
be a sunny day.

10 You (can/might)
be right but I'm going back to check anyway.

MAY / MIGHT

- I was just wondering whether you ____ be able to help me.

may

might

Q2 - ____ God have mercy on your soul.

May

Might

Q3 - You ____ well be right.

may

might

Q4 - I told them I ____ go if I felt like it, but wasn't sure.

may

might

Q5 - Students ____ only borrow four books at a time.

may

might

Q6 - The examiner says we _____ leave when we've finished.

may

might

Q7 - It _____ be very expensive, but it's much better than the others.

may

might

Q8 - I just _____ accept your offer.

may

might

Q9 - You _____ try asking her for help- she knows her stuff.

may

might

Q10 - You _____ have told me earlier!

may

might

CAN - MAY - MIGHT

CAN means "capable of doing" (ability)

MAY is used to ask permission - or - to say there is a fair possibility

MIGHT is used to say there is a possibility but that it is not very likely

I speak French well.

I help you?

The Queen _____ visit tomorrow.

_____ I close the door?

I _____ go on holiday to Spain.

I _____ drive.

_____ I eat the last apple?

I _____ run faster than my brother.

I _____ eat steak tonight.

I _____ live to be more than a hundred years old.

I _____ swim.

My mother _____ telephone me today.

I _____ win the lottery this weekend.

I kiss you?

I _____ see Brad Pitt when I am in Hollywood.

I _____ see the sea from my apartment.

We _____ find aliens on Mars.

Use one of the modal verbs in brackets to fill each gap.

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11 The exam (can/might) _____ be easy. You never know.

12 I (can/might) _____ go to the party but I'm not sure yet.

13 Students (may/might) _____ study in the library from five to nine in the evening.

14 (May/Could) _____ you lend me 40 Euros til Monday?