

May / Might / Could

MAY

Dar y negar permiso

Only customers **may** use the free WiFi.
You **may not** go to the toilet during class.



Pedir permiso

*May I have your attention please?
Might I have a word with you in private?
Could I have another biscuit please?*



Posibilidades presentes y futuras

*I may be late for your daughter's wedding.
The dog might be feeling hungry now.
There could be a general strike tomorrow.*

⚠ En frases negativas...

might/may

We ~~could~~ not have enough time to visit Big Ben today.



Posibilidades en el pasado

*She may have got lost. (We don't know)
She might have overslept. (We don't know)
She could have been killed. (She wasn't killed)*

⚠ En frases negativas...

She may/might not have received your message.

She ~~couldn't~~ have received your message. (It's impossible)

MAY
MIGHT
COULD

Choose the correct option...

1. Which question is the most formal and polite?

Could / May / Might I have a glass of water, please?

2. On the last day of school, you **could / may / might** bring your dog to class.

3. We **could be / can / may** experience some turbulence shortly so please fasten your seatbelts.

4. If you have any questions you **might / may / couldn't** ask them at the end of the presentation but not while it is in progress.

5. Only three people **could / may / might** enter the bakery at one time for safety reasons.

6. We **could / can / may** not have enough time to visit The Tower of London today.

7. The boss **can / might / may** have get angry when he finds out I'm quitting.

8. I **could / can / may** have broken my front teeth when I fell off my bike but luckily I didn't.

9. Can you call an ambulance please? I think I **couldn't / can / may** be having a heart attack.

10. I **couldn't / can't / might** have left the front door unlocked so I have to go home and check.

11. Why did you waste money on a taxi? You **may/might/could** have taken the free bus!

12. When I was young, children **could/may/might** play in the streets without being in danger.

13. You **couldn't / may not / might not** have seen me at the supermarket because I order my shopping online.

14. In which sentence does the **speaker feel relieved** (aliviado).

My dog **could** have been killed by the cyclist!

My dog **may** have been killed by the cyclist!

My dog **might** be in pain!

15. Which question is the LEAST polite?

May / Could / Might / Can I have some of your water, please darling?