

Vocabularies

May/might	～かもしれない
Around	あたり
Instead	かわりに
Possible	可能
Certain	確か
Hurricane	竜巻
Right?	だよな？
Awful	ひどい
Scary	怖い
Electricity	電気
Tourist	旅行者
Terrible	ひどい
Prediction	予測
Probably	およそ
Tablet	タブレット
Technology	テクノロジー
Expensive	高い
Solar energy	太陽エネルギー
Get worse	悪くなる
Worry about	心配する
Warm	暖かい
Agree	同意する
Recycle	リサイクル
Save	貯める
planet	惑星

Key point

I You/We/They He/She/It	may might could	be	late today
-------------------------------	-----------------------	----	------------

I might not go home. 家に帰らないかもしれない。

It might be wrong. 間違いかもしれない。

It could rain tomorrow. 明日雨が降るかもしれない。

When will it start snowing?
It **might** start around lunch time.

Will your school close early?
It **might**.

Are you going to drive to work?
I **might** take the bus instead.

Is our train arriving late?
It **might** be.

+ Affirmative

I will go to college.	= I think this is certain.
I may go to college.	= It is possible that I will go to college.
I might study biology.	= It is possible that I will study biology.

- Negative

It won't be expensive.	= I think this is certain.
It may not be cheap.	= It is possible that it won't be cheap.
I might not buy it.	= It is possible that I won't buy it.

May VS. Might The usages of *may* and *might* are similar. Although one or the other is more likely to be used in some contexts

Dialogue 1

Peter Hi, Saki. Did you see the news about **the hurricane**?

Saki Yes, I did. It was in **New York**, right?

Peter Yes, wasn't it **awful**? Did you see the videos?

Saki Yes, it looked really **scary**.

Peter **There was no electricity. Tourists were sleeping in the airport.**

Saki I know. **They may be there for days.**

Peter That's terrible.



What will life be like in ten years?	Certain	Possible	Probably not
1 the weather / get worse <i>Will the weather get worse in ten years?</i>			
2 there / be more hurricanes			
3 all homes / use solar energy			
4 all cars / use electricity			
5 there / be a tablet for every school student			
6 technology / be more expensive			

Dialogue 2

Mark Are you worried about global warming?

Suemin Yes, I think it will be a big problem in the future.

Mark I agree. We use too much energy. So the planet might get hotter.

Suemin Definitely. And I think there might be more natural disasters in the future.

Mark Really? What can we do to help?

Suemin Well, in my opinion if we recycle more, we'll save energy.

Mark Absolutely. We should make a poster about this for the school.

Suemin Good idea. Let's ask Mr. Davis about it.



TRY IT OUT What do you think life will be like in ten years? Ask and answer the questions in exercise 3 with a partner. How many predictions do you agree on?