



Mini Lesson 079 - Expressing Future Possibility with 'Could' and 'Might'

The modal verbs 'could' and 'might' are used to express future possibilities. They help us talk about things that may happen or might happen, but we are not sure.

When to use 'could':

- Use 'could' to indicate something that is possible but not certain.
- Example: *It could rain tomorrow.*

When to use 'might':

- Use 'might' for suggesting a possibility that is less certain than 'could.'
- Example: *I might go to the party later.*

Structure:

- Affirmative: Subject + could/might + base form of the verb
- Example: *She might join us for dinner.*

- Negative: Subject + cannot/can't + could/might + base form of the verb
- Example: *They might not understand the instructions.*

- Questions: Could/Might + subject + base form of the verb?
- Example: *Could you help me with my homework?*





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with 'could' or 'might' and the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. It _____ (rain) later today.
2. She _____ (come) to the event next week.
3. They _____ (not finish) the project on time.
4. I _____ (see) a movie this weekend.
5. He _____ (not be) at home when I arrive.
6. We _____ (have) a picnic if the weather is nice.
7. You _____ (like) this book; it's very interesting.

Section 2: Choose the Correct Option

Circle the correct modal verb (could/might) to complete each sentence.

1. She (could/might) be late for the meeting.
2. We (could/might) have a test tomorrow.
3. They (could/might) not agree with your opinion.
4. I (could/might) join you for lunch.
5. The movie (could/might) start at 7 PM.





Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using 'could' or 'might.'

1. It's possible that she will travel to Europe.

- She _____ travel to Europe.

2. There's a chance he will not come to the party.

- He _____ not come to the party.

3. I think we have a chance to win the game.

- We _____ win the game.

4. The weather forecast says it's possible it will snow tomorrow.

- It _____ snow tomorrow.

5. They may find the solution to the problem.

- They _____ find the solution to the problem.

Section 4: Answer the Questions

Answer the following questions using 'could' or 'might.'

1. What will you do if it rains tomorrow?

- If it rains tomorrow, I _____ (stay) indoors.

2. Do you think you will complete your assignment on time?

- I think I _____ (complete) my assignment on time.

3. Is there a chance you will go to the concert?

- Yes, I _____ (go) to the concert.





4. What could you do if you had more free time?

- If I had more free time, I _____ (learn) a new language.

5. Might you visit a friend this weekend?

- Yes, I _____ (visit) my friend this weekend.

Answers:

Section 1:

1. It could rain later today.
2. She might come to the event next week.
3. They might not finish the project on time.
4. I could see a movie this weekend.
5. He might not be at home when I arrive.
6. We could have a picnic if the weather is nice.
7. You might like this book; it's very interesting.

Section 2:

1. might
2. could
3. might
4. might
5. could

Section 3:

1. She might travel to Europe.
2. He might not come to the party.
3. We could win the game.
4. It might snow tomorrow.
5. They might find the solution to the problem.

Section 4:

1. If it rains tomorrow, I might stay indoors.
2. I think I could complete my assignment on time.
3. Yes, I might go to the concert.
4. If I had more free time, I could learn a new language.
5. Yes, I might visit my friend this weekend.

