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USE OF MAY, MIGHT

May as a Principal Verb is used to denote
(1) Permission ; as,

May I go out ? May I come in? Yes, you may.

May. borrow your toothbrush ? No, you may not.

You may go now. [= You are permitted to go now.]

You may go out when you have finished your work.

He may go tomorrow.

If he wished he might go tomorrow.

If he had wished he might have gone yesterday.

He may not go now. [=I will not let him go now.]

Members may not (= are not permitted to) borrow from the library more than two books at a time.

He might not go tomorrow unless you wished. He might enter the college next year.

(2) Doubt, uncertainty; as,
He may arrive at the station in time if he hurries.

She may not have spoken the truth.

(3) Possibility; as,

It may rain tonight. [=It is possible that it will rain tonight.]

It may be true. [=It is possibly true.]

He may be away from home tomorrow.

He may come today.

She may pass if she works hard.

Kamala may win the first prize in English.

You may lead a horse to the water but you cannot make it drink.

If I ask her again, she may refuse.

I'm afraid that something serious may happen.

I was afraid that if I asked her again, she might refuse.

He might not have come even if we had asked him.