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[maɪt] *n*

1. **могущество, мощь**
the whole might of our country - вся мощь нашей страны
2. **энергия, сила**
to work with all one's might - работать изо всех сил
to cry with all one's might - кричать во весь голос /во всю глотку/
◇ with might and main - изо всей силы, изо всей мочи
might is right - *посл.* право на стороне сильного; кто силён, тот и прав

II

[maɪt]

1. *past of may*
2. (с простым инфинитивом относится к настоящему и будущему времени, с перфектным инфинитивом - к прошедшему) **выражает предположение, сомнение, неуверенность**
it might be true - может быть, это и правда (но вряд ли)
he might have lost his way - могло быть и так, что он заблудился
he might not have heard the news - может быть /могло быть и так, что/ он и не слышал эту новость
3. **выражает**
 - 1) **просьбу в вежливой форме (в вопросит. предложениях):**
might I make a suggestion? - позвольте мне внести предложение?
might I leave this book with you? - может быть, вы разрешите мне /не позволите ли вы/ оставить эту книгу у вас?
 - 2) **редк. пожелание (в восклицат. предложениях):**
oh, that we might end all wars! - О, если бы только мы могли навсегда покончить с войнами!
4. **выражает**
 - 1) **желательность действия или побуждение к действию:**
you might post this letter for me - хорошо бы вы опустили моё письмо
you might come and see me now and then - зашли бы ко мне как-нибудь
 - 2) **упрёк (с перфектным инфинитивом - относится к прошлому):**
you might have offered your help - вы могли бы предложить свою помощь (а не сделали этого)
your son might have been more careful - ваш сын мог бы быть поосторожнее
you might have brought this book in time - вы могли бы принести книгу вовремя

might

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might modal verb, noun *BrE* [maɪt] ^ˈ *NAmE* [maɪt] ^ˈ
modal verb (negative **might not**, short form **mightn't** *BrE* ['maɪntnɪt] ^ˈ ; *NAmE* ['maɪntnɪt] ^ˈ)

1. used as the past tense of may when reporting what sb has said
 - He said he might come tomorrow.
2. used when showing that sth is or was possible
 - He might get there in time, but I can't be sure.
 - I know Vicky doesn't like the job, but I mightn't find it too bad.
 - The pills might have helped him, if only he'd taken them regularly.
 - He might say that now (= it is true that he does) , but he can soon change his mind.
3. used to make a polite suggestion
 - You might try calling the help desk.
 - I thought we might go to the zoo on Saturday.
4. (*BrE*) used to ask permission politely
 - Might I use your phone?
 - If I might just say something...
5. (*formal*) used to ask for information
 - How might the plans be improved upon?
 - And who might she be?
6. used to show that you are annoyed about sth that sb could do or could have done
 - I think you might at least offer to help!
 - Honestly, you might have told me!
7. used to say that you are not surprised by sth
 - I might have guessed it was you!
8. used to emphasize that an important point has been made
 - 'And where is the money coming from?' 'You **might well** ask!'

see may/might as well **at** ↑well

Word Origin:

n. Old English miht, mieht, of Germanic origin; related to the verb ↑may.

Grammar Point:**modal verbs**

The modal verbs are can, could, may, might, must, ought to, shall, should, will and would. Dare, need, have to and used to also share some of the features of modal verbs.

Modal verbs have only one form. They have no **-ing** or **-ed** forms and do not add **-s** to the 3rd person singular form: ▪ He can speak

three languages. ◇ She will try and visit tomorrow.

Modal verbs are followed by the infinitive of another verb without to. The exceptions are ought to and used to: ▪ You must find a job. ◇ You ought to stop smoking. ◇ I used to smoke but I gave up two years ago.

Questions are formed without do/does in the present, or did in the past: ▪ Can I invite Mary? ◇ Should I have invited Mary?

Negative sentences are formed with not or the short form -n't and do not use do/does or did.

You will find more help with how to use modal verbs at the dictionary entries for each verb.

Idiom: ↑might is right

noun uncountable (formal or literary)

great strength, energy or power

- America's military might
- I pushed the rock **with all my might** .

Word Origin:

[**might**] n. Old English miht, mieht, of Germanic origin; related to the verb ↑may.

Example Bank:

- He pushed against the rock with all his might.

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I. **might**¹ **S1 W1** /maɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *modal verb* (negative short form **mightn't**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: meahhte, mihte]

1. POSSIBILITY

a) if something might happen or might be true, there is a possibility that it may happen or may be true, but you are not at all certain:

- I might be a few minutes late.
- She might not want to come with us.
- He might have missed the train.
- This might well be her last public performance (=it is fairly likely).
- One of the guards might easily panic and shoot someone (=it is likely).

b) used as the past tense of 'may' when reporting that someone talked or thought about the possibility of something:

- He might be able to help you.
- I thought they might have gone home.
- She was worried that we might get hurt.

c) used to say that something was a possibility in the past but did not actually happen:

- It was terrifying. We might have been killed.

2. **SUGGESTING** used to suggest politely what someone should do:

- If you need more information, you might try the Internet.
- I thought we might go to the new Chinese restaurant on the High Street.
- It might be a good idea to put those plants in the shade.
- We're going to a concert. You might like to come with us.

3. ASKING PERMISSION

a) *spoken especially British English* used to politely ask for permission to do something:

- Might I borrow your pen?
- I wonder if I might speak to your son.

b) used when reporting that someone asked for permission to do something:

- He asked if he might come in and look around.

4. **SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING** used when you are annoyed because someone has not done something that you think they should do:

- You might at least say thank you.
- They might have cleaned up before they left.

5. **PAST PURPOSE** used after 'so that' or 'in order that' to say that someone did something in order to make something else happen or be possible:

- I asked for names and addresses so that I might pass on details to the police.

6. **might I say/ask/add etc** *spoken especially British English* used to politely give more information, ask a question, interrupt etc:

- Might I ask how old you are?
- Might I just say how lovely it is to see everyone here today.

7. **I might say/add** *spoken* used to emphasize what you are saying:

- I was, I might say, not surprised.

8. **I might have known/guessed etc** *spoken* used to say that you are not surprised at a situation:

- I might have known it was you!
- I might have guessed I'd get no sympathy from my family.

9. **might (just) as well**

a) used to suggest that someone should do something, because there is no good reason to do anything else:

- I suppose we might as well go home.

b) used to say that the effect of an action or situation is the same as if it was another one:

- They might as well have a badge on them saying 'Steal me'.
- He might as well have been a million miles away.

10. **ALTHOUGH** used to say that even though something is perhaps true, something different or opposite is also true:

He might be nearly seventeen but he's still very immature.

Surprising as it might seem, some tourists actually enjoy the British weather.

Although she might understand his beliefs, she could not accept them.

Try as I might (=although I tried hard), I couldn't work out the answer.

11. FORMAL QUESTION used to ask a question in a formal and rather unfriendly way:

And who might you be, young man?

12. might well used to say that there is a good reason for a reaction, question, or feeling:

'What do they hope to achieve?' 'You might well ask.'

a system of which we in Britain might well be envious

This caused a few gasps, as well it might.

II. might² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [uncountable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: miht]

1. great strength and power:

two individuals who took on the might of the English legal system

He swung the axe again with all his might.

2. might is right *British English*, **might makes right** *American English* used to say that powerful people and countries are able to do whatever they want, especially when you disapprove of this

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