‘May’ and ‘might’ are used to talk about the possibility of something happening. ‘May’ is often more possible than ‘might’.

Examples: “I’m not sure what to do. I may watch TV.”
“You might not like that TV program.”

Complete the sentences below by using ‘may (not)’ and ‘might (not)’ to describe possibility.

1. There are some dark clouds in the sky. [may]
   It may rain.

2. It’s nine-thirty and Jack feels tired. [might]

3. My class starts soon, but I’m not sure where the classroom is. [may not]

4. Sarah has some money and she is at a clothing store. [might]

5. Kelly and Jenny are friends, but they live in different cities. They are both traveling to Washington this summer. [may]

6. It’s cold outside, but James isn’t wearing a jacket. [might]

7. My brother is at a restaurant and he feels a little hungry. [may]

8. I should go to work today, but I feel a little sick. [might not]
Grammar Focus  ‘May’ and ‘Might’
Level       Intermediate

ANSWER KEY

Answers will vary.

Some possible answers:
1. It may rain.
2. Jack might go to bed.
3. I may not be on time.
4. Sarah might buy some clothes.
5. They may see each other.
6. James might get sick.
7. My brother may buy some food.
8. I might not go to work today.

Grades as percentages

8 / 8 = 100%
7 / 8 = 88%
6 / 8 = 75%
5 / 8 = 63%
4 / 8 = 50%
3 / 8 = 38%
2 / 8 = 25%
1 / 8 = 13%
0 / 8 = 0%