Mighty Might – Student Handout

*Look at the sets of different expressions using might and other modal verbs. Match them with the different meanings they express in the box at the bottom.*



### Might/could at least

1. You **might at least** pick up your dirty clothes.
2. You **could at least** put your dirty dishes in the sink.
3. You **might at least** say hello when you get home instead of going straight to your bedroom.

### Might/could #1

1. I’m going to the bar after football so I **might** be late home.
2. Don’t forget to bring an umbrella, it **might** rain.
3. Don’t drive so fast, you **could** have an accident.

### Might/could #2

1. Let’s watch TV, there **might** be something good on.
2. Shhh! Be quiet, my parents **might** be asleep already.
3. It was really cold last night so the roads **could** be icy.

### Might/may…. but

1. Ok, I admit that he **might** be really good at shooting **but** he never passes the ball, it’s so frustrating.
2. He **may** be really good-looking **but** he’s not very bright.
3. She **might** have all the money in the world **but** is she truly happy?

### Might/may as well

1. All the good bands have finished playing so we **might as well** go home.
2. We’ve already missed the start of the film so we **may as well** do something else.
3. It’s too dark, you’re never going to find your lost keys, you **might as well** give up.

### Might/could//may have + past participle #1

1. Woah! Be careful with that ladder, you **might have taken** my head off!
2. Slow down! You **could have hit** that old lady!
3. He **might have got** together with Julie at the party but he spent all night being sick in the toilet.

### Might/could//may have + past participle #2

1. Where are they? I’m worried, they **might have had** an accident.
2. I can’t find my phone. I **could have left** it at work.
3. Someone has stolen one of the plants from the front porch. It **might have been** those boys from next door.

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| Past possibility past possibility that didn’t happen future possibility annoyance  Concession (ok, you’re right) suggestion without enthusiasm present possibility |

### Complete the sentence

1. Boss: Your office is a mess and it stinks you might at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Let’s see what’s on at the cinema there might\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The weather forecast says that it might\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. We’ve missed the last train home so we might as well\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Ok, she might be a good singer but\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Where’s the cat? She might have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Luckily, I escaped the crash with just cuts and bruises, I might have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

### Key Word Transformations

1. There’s no point staying any longer, let’s go home.

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We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ go home.

1. I always have to tidy up your mess, some help would be nice.

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I always have to tidy up your mess, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me.

1. You’re right there are some interesting characters in the book but it’s just so monotonous.

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Ok, the characters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is just so monotonous.

1. My laptop isn’t here, maybe someone stole it.

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My laptop isn’t here, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. We were lucky, the hurricane nearly hit our house.

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We were lucky, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our house