

THE EXERCISES ARE TO BE DONE AND CORRECTED **IN CLASS**.

**MAY****Affirmative**

Look at this sentence from the situation *Late-Night Weather Forecast*:

WEATHERMAN: Bridges and overpasses **may** become icy.

Now look at this chart:

I	<b>may</b> be sick.
You	
He	
She	
It	
We	
You	
They	



- Don't add an *s* to **may** for *he*, *she* and *it*.
- The verb that comes after **may** does not take *to*.

**I. Now fill in the blanks using *may* with the verbs in parentheses.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ another English class next month. (to take)
2. She said she \_\_\_\_\_ us tomorrow. (to see)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ with us if he finds his glasses. (to come)
4. Paul said he \_\_\_\_\_ us when he arrives. (to visit)
5. If we have the money, we \_\_\_\_\_ another week. (to stay)

1. 1. may take

2. may see

3. may come

4. may visit

5. may stay

**Negative**

Now take a look at how we make a negative statement using **may**.

They **may** let you in. → AFFIRMATIVE

They **may not** let you in. → NEGATIVE



- **May** is a special verb. It does not take *do*, *does* or *did* in the negative form.
- We do not contract **may** and *not*.

**II. Now use *may not* with the verbs, and fill in the blanks.**

1. I have a cold; I \_\_\_\_\_ to class today. (to go)
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ ready when we get there. (to be)
3. It's late; we \_\_\_\_\_ time for dinner. (to have)
4. After ten years, she \_\_\_\_\_ me. (to remember)

**Questions**

Look at this sentence based on the situation *Late-Night Weather Forecast*:

NEWSCASTER: Do you think the storm **may** be here by tomorrow?

If we want to know if something may happen, we have to use an expression like *Do you think . . . ?* or *Do you suppose . . . ?* to ask the question.

II. 1. may not go      2. may not be      3. may not have      4. may not remember

Take a look at this situation.

You're trying to fix the toilet, but you are afraid you **may** be doing it wrong.

You may ask:

Do you think I **may** be doing it wrong?

### III. Now complete these questions using *may* and the verb in parentheses:

1. Do you think the baby \_\_\_\_\_ more milk? (to need)
2. Do you think Paul \_\_\_\_\_ later? (to arrive)
3. Do you think Arnold \_\_\_\_\_ Vivian? (to help)
4. Do you think the rain \_\_\_\_\_ tonight? (to stop)

### IV. Here's another exercise. Choose the correct option, and write it in the blank.

1. The picnic \_\_\_\_\_ happen if it rains.  
(may - may not)
2. If Harold keeps drinking, he \_\_\_\_\_ get sick.  
(may - may not)
3. She said we \_\_\_\_\_ pass the exam if we don't study.  
(may - may not)
4. With this snow, the stadium \_\_\_\_\_ be closed.  
(may - may not)

III. 1. may need

2. may arrive

3. may help

4. may stop

IV. 1. may not

2. may

3. may not

4. may