



MAY VS WOULD

A. Choose the Correct Modal

Circle the correct modal verb (may or would) for each sentence.

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| 2. _____ you like some coffee? | a) May | b) Would |
| 3. _____ you mind helping me with this? | a) May | b) Would |
| 4. It _____ rain tomorrow. | a) may | b) would |
| 5. She _____ be at home now, I'm not sure. | a) may | b) would |
| 6. I _____ prefer to eat Italian food. | a) may | b) would |
| 7. You _____ leave when you finish your work. | a) may | b) would |
| 8. What _____ you do if you won the lottery? | a) may | b) would |
| 9. _____ you pass me the salt, please? | a) May | b) Would |
| 10. The bus _____ be late because of the snow. | a) may | b) would |

B. Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence with either "may" or "would".

- _____ I ask you a question?
- _____ you like to join us for dinner?
- She _____ not come to the party.
- We _____ go to the beach if the weather is nice.
- _____ you mind opening the window?
- _____ I use your phone, please?
- The train _____ be late due to the bad weather.
- I _____ love to visit Paris someday.
- _____ you help me carry these bags?
- My parents _____ arrive any minute now.

C. Match the Situations

Match each situation (1-10) with the correct sentence (A-J).

1. Asking permission to leave the classroom	A. It may rain this afternoon.
2. Offering a drink to a guest	B. Would you like me to help you?
3. Expressing uncertainty about the weather	C. May I leave early today?
4. Making a polite request	D. She may be at the library.
5. Giving permission to use your dictionary	E. Would you pass me that book?
6. Expressing a preference	F. You may use my dictionary.
7. Asking for something politely	G. Would you like some tea?
8. Expressing possibility of someone's location	H. I would prefer the blue one.
9. Offering help	I. Would you mind if I opened the window?
10. Asking about preferences	J. What would you like for dinner?

D. Correct the Mistakes

Find and correct the mistakes in the use of "may" and "would" in these sentences.

1. Would I go to the bathroom, please?
2. May you help me with this exercise?
3. Would it rain later today?
4. May you like to have dinner with us?
5. I may prefer to stay at home tonight.
6. Would I be allowed to leave early?
7. She may help you if you asked her.
8. Would I finish this project tomorrow?
9. May I to use your phone?
10. He would be at work now, I'm not sure.

E. Can You Name 3 Things?

Name 3 things...

1. ... you would like to eat right now.
2. ... you may ask for in a coffee shop.
3. ... you may ask your mother in the morning before school.
4. ... you would like to do at the beach.
5. ... you would like for Christmas.
6. ... you may ask for at a hamburger joint.
7. ... you would like to buy in an electronic shop.
8. ... you may ask your father.
9. ... you would like to do right now.
10. ... you would like to do next weekend, but can't do.
11. ... you may need when you go hiking.
12. ... you would like to change about yourself.

F. Complete The Sentence

1. When I am older, I would like _____
2. On my next birthday, I would like _____
3. On New Year's Eve, I may _____
4. May I suggest _____
5. I would like to go to _____
6. I may be too busy with _____ to help you.
7. You may be proud of _____
8. I would like to have dinner with _____
9. Would you like to come with me _____
10. What would you like to do after _____
11. You may not believe me, but _____
12. You said you want to _____, may I drop you at _____ ?

Teacher's Key

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