



the Modal Verb 'May'

3rd

may

3 rd the modal verb 'may'			
tag:	usage:		emphasis:
3 rd M3.1	is used to make an offer or a suggestion		Ⓒ offer or Ⓔ suggestion
3 rd M3.2	is used to ask for permission or to give permission		⒫ permission
3 rd M3.3	is used to indicate without certainty that something is true or that something is happening		⒫⒫ present possibility
3 rd M3.4	is used to indicate without certainty that something will happen or that something will be true in ● the future		Ⓔ⒫ future possibility
3 rd M3.5	is used to indicate a wish or hope		⒱ wish or Ⓗ hope
3 rd M3.6	is used in accepting one statement and adding another statement that is 'more important'		Ⓐ acceptance and Ⓙ importance
3 rd M3.7	is used to make a polite request		⒫Ⓒ polite request
3 rd M3.8	is used to make a polite interruption		⒫Ⓙ polite interruption

3rd M3.1

The 1st example, i.e. 'May I help you?', 3rd M3.1 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates an offer. The 2nd example, i.e. 'May I buy you a drink?', 3rd M3.1 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates an offer. The 3rd example, i.e. 'May we offer you something to eat?', 3rd M3.1 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates an offer. The 4th example, i.e. 'May I recommend a very nice restaurant to you?', 3rd M3.1 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a suggestion. The 5th example, i.e. 'You may get a taxi.', 3rd M3.1 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a suggestion.

tag:	examples:		emphasis:
3 rd M3.1	1 st	May I help you?	Ⓒ offer or Ⓔ suggestion
3 rd M3.1	2 nd	May I buy you a drink?	
3 rd M3.1	3 rd	May we offer you something to eat?	
3 rd M3.1	4 th	May I recommend a very nice restaurant to you?	
3 rd M3.1	5 th	You may get a taxi.	
usage:			
is used to make an offer or a suggestion			

3rd M3.2

The 6th example, i.e. 'May I take one?', 3rd M3.2 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker asks for the addressee's or the addressees' permission. The 7th example, i.e. 'Yes, you may take one piece of cake.', 3rd M3.2 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker gives permission to, in this case, the addressee. The 8th example, i.e. 'May I come in?', 3rd M3.2 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker asks for the addressee's or the addressees' permission. The 9th example, i.e. 'You may leave now.', 3rd M3.2 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive]

indicates that the speaker gives permission to the addressee or the addressees. The 10th example, i.e. 'May I proceed?', [3rd M3.2] [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker asks for the addressee's or the addressees' permission.

tag:		examples:		emphasis:
3 rd	M3.2	6 th	May I take one?	Ⓟ permission
3 rd	M3.2	7 th	Yes, you may take one piece of cake.	
3 rd	M3.2	8 th	May I come in?	
3 rd	M3.2	9 th	You may leave now.	
3 rd	M3.2	10 th	May I proceed?	

usage:

is used to ask for permission or to give permission

[3rd M3.3]

The 11th example, i.e. 'He may be right.', [3rd M3.3] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that the subject's description is correct. The 12th example, i.e. 'It may be expensive.', [3rd M3.3] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that the dummy subject's description is correct. The 13th example, i.e. 'They may be Americans.', [3rd M3.3] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that the subject's description is correct. The 14th example, i.e. 'It may be a cold.', [3rd M3.3] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that the dummy subject's identification is correct. The 15th example, i.e. 'My mother may be looking for me.', [3rd M3.3] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that the subject is performing the action during ⌚ the time of speaking.

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3 rd	M3.3	11 th	He may be right.	ⓅⓅ present possibility
3 rd	M3.3	12 th	It may be expensive.	
3 rd	M3.3	13 th	They may be Americans.	
3 rd	M3.3	14 th	It may be a cold.	
3 rd	M3.3	15 th	My mother may be looking for me.	

usage:

is used to indicate without certainty that something is true or that something is happening

[3rd M3.4]

The 16th example, i.e. 'It may rain tonight.', [3rd M3.4] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that something will happen in ⌚ the future. The 17th example, i.e. 'I may buy it.', [3rd M3.4] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that something will happen in ⌚ the future. The 18th example, i.e. 'You may regret it later.', [3rd M3.4] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that something will happen in ⌚ the future. The 19th example, i.e. 'She may like it.', [3rd M3.4] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that something will happen in ⌚ the future. The 20th example, i.e. 'Someone may steal it.', [3rd M3.4] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates the possibility that something will happen in ⌚ the future.

tag:		examples:		emphasis:
3 rd	M3.4	16 th	It may rain tonight.	ⓅⓅ future possibility
3 rd	M3.4	17 th	I may buy it.	
3 rd	M3.4	18 th	You may regret it later.	
3 rd	M3.4	19 th	She may like it.	
3 rd	M3.4	20 th	Someone may steal it.	

usage:

is used to indicate without certainty that something will happen or that something will be true in ⌚ the future

[3rd M3.5]

tag:		examples:		emphasis:
3 rd	M3.5	21 st	May they live in peace!	Ⓜ wish or Ⓜ hope
3 rd	M3.5	22 nd	May the righteous prosper!	
3 rd	M3.5	23 rd	May the sun shine on you!	
3 rd	M3.5	24 th	May it be easy!	
3 rd	M3.5	25 th	May you be happy, my dear friend!	

usage:

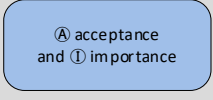
is used to indicate a wish or hope

The 21st example, i.e. 'May they live in peace!', [3rd M3.5] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a wish or hope. The 22nd example, i.e. 'May the righteous prosper!', [3rd M3.5] [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a wish or

hope. The 23rd example, i.e. 'May the sun shine on you!', 3rd M3.5 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a wish or hope. The 24th example, i.e. 'May it be easy!', 3rd M3.5 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a wish or hope. The 25th example, i.e. 'May you be happy, my dear friend!', 3rd M3.5 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a wish or hope.


3rd M3.6

The 26th example, i.e. 'I may be old, but I am happy.', 3rd M3.6 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker accepts one statement and adds another statement that is 'more important'. The 27th example, i.e. 'The job may be boring, but it is necessary to do it.', 3rd M3.6 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker accepts one statement and adds another statement that is 'more important'. The 28th example, i.e. 'She may be young, but she is already very talented.', 3rd M3.6 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker accepts one statement and adds another statement that is 'more important'. The 29th example, i.e. 'He may look stupid, but he is not an idiot.', 3rd M3.6 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker accepts one statement and adds another statement that is 'more important'. The 30th example, i.e. 'Grammar may be hard, but it is essential.', 3rd M3.6 [in 1st the indicative mood] [in + the positive] indicates that the speaker accepts one statement and adds another statement that is 'more important'.

tag:		examples:		emphasis:
3 rd	M3.6	26 th	I may be old, but I am happy.	
3 rd	M3.6	27 th	The job may be boring, but it is necessary to do it.	
3 rd	M3.6	28 th	She may be young, but she is already very talented.	
3 rd	M3.6	29 th	He may look stupid, but he is not an idiot.	
3 rd	M3.6	30 th	Grammar may be hard, but it is essential.	
usage:				
is used in accepting one statement and adding another statement that is 'more important'				

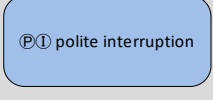
3rd M3.7

The 31st example, i.e. 'May I go with you?', 3rd M3.7 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite request. The 32nd example, i.e. 'May we have some coffee now?', 3rd M3.7 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite request. The 33rd example, i.e. 'May she stay with us tonight?', 3rd M3.7 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite request. The 34th example, i.e. 'May I borrow your phone?', 3rd M3.7 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite request. The 35th example, i.e. 'May I go to my room now?', 3rd M3.7 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite request.

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3 rd	M3.7	31 st	May I go with you?	
3 rd	M3.7	32 nd	May we have some coffee now?	
3 rd	M3.7	33 rd	May she stay with us tonight?	
3 rd	M3.7	34 th	May I borrow your phone?	
3 rd	M3.7	35 th	May I go to my room now?	
usage:				
is used to make a polite request				

3rd M3.8

The 36th example, i.e. 'May I stop you for a moment?', 3rd M3.8 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite interruption. The 37th example, i.e. 'May I add something?', 3rd M3.8 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite interruption. The 38th example, i.e. 'May I say something?', 3rd M3.8 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite interruption. The 39th example, i.e. 'May I just correct you?', 3rd M3.8 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite interruption. The 40th example, i.e. 'Excuse me, may I pass?', 3rd M3.8 [in 3rd the interrogative mood] [in + the positive] indicates a polite interruption.

tag:		examples:		emphasis:
3 rd	M3.8	36 th	May I stop you for a moment?	
3 rd	M3.8	37 th	May I add something?	
3 rd	M3.8	38 th	May I say something?	
3 rd	M3.8	39 th	May I just correct you?	
3 rd	M3.8	40 th	Excuse me, may I pass?	
usage:				
is used to make a polite interruption				