

**111. Change the following sentences to express uncertainty using the modal verb "may" and the proper form of the infinitive (consult § 38). Follow the example.**

**Example:** Perhaps (maybe) he is (not) having dinner.  
He may (might) (not) be having dinner.

**A. 1. Perhaps Bess is making tea in the kitchen. 2. Maybe Paul sees him very often. 3. Maybe they are still having**

a holiday. 4. Perhaps his daughter is not studying in a teacher training college. 5. Maybe the doctor is examining the patient now. 6. Perhaps the manager is not busy. 7. Perhaps they are trying to persuade Jim to join the expedition. 8. Perhaps Sam is telling his friends about his adventures in the North. 9. Maybe Nancy is waiting for you in the hall. 10. Perhaps they are not taking part in the amateur theatricals. 11. Maybe Anne likes detective stories. 12. "Perhaps the thing is radio-active. Perhaps it is dangerous." George was breathless.

B. 1. Perhaps the film will have a happy end. 2. Maybe he will not tell you the truth. 3. Maybe Jane will forgive him. 4. Perhaps the test will not be so difficult next time. 5. Maybe the Palmers will stay at home on Sunday. 6. Maybe the weather will not change for the worse. 7. Perhaps we shall get tickets for the play. 8. Maybe his parents will allow him to keep the dog. 9. We have quite a few noteworthy places of interest about the town that perhaps will interest you.

C. 1. Perhaps your neighbours have left the town. 2. Maybe Sam hasn't made an appointment with the dentist. 3. Perhaps everybody has agreed to the plan. 4. Maybe they didn't send him a letter. 5. Maybe the situation has changed. 6. Perhaps they have bought a new coat for the boy. 7. Perhaps the old man has lost his way. 8. Maybe the text was not difficult. 9. Perhaps she was rude to him. 10. Maybe the tape recorder was out of order. 11. Meanwhile he wrote a film-script for an English company; perhaps it was a suitable film for Annabel, but the company put another actress in the part.

D. 1. Maybe the students have not been studying French long. 2. Maybe they have been staying at the hotel for more than a week. 3. Perhaps he has not been here long. 4. Perhaps Mr. Parker has been working in the garden since morning. 5. Perhaps Uncle Tom has been having a nap since lunch-time. 6. Perhaps he hasn't seen her since last spring. 7. Perhaps the child has been listening to our talk all the time. 8. Perhaps Jack has been collecting stamps for several years. 9. Maybe the boy has been delivering the papers since five o'clock. 10. Perhaps they have been watching television all evening.

**Example:** They will arrive tomorrow.  
They may arrive tomorrow.

1. Monica will study Swedish. 2. They had a dictation yesterday. 3. She will be late. 4. They are eating breakfast. 5. The boy lied to his teacher. 6. The old woman slipped on the ice. 7. They will go swimming tomorrow. 8. Mr. Bennet went to the bank to deposit some money. 9. Philip will tell them about the accident. 10. Sam decided to take the examination again. 11. He will finish writing the paper on time. 12. The playing field will be ready by next week.

**\*113. Open the brackets using the appropriate form of the infinitive.**

1. He thought that Jack might still (to be) in his office. 2. Brown was not feeling particularly happy that morning, and this may (to be) the reason that he was glad of Mass' company. 3. I don't mind admitting that if she gets herself unpleasantly talked about it might (to have) some effect on the takings. 4. Arthur may (to run away) from home and (to go) to South America. 5. However badly he may (to behave) in the past, he is still your brother. 6. Then you have no idea why anyone might (to send) this letter? 7. He is one of those ageless unchanging men on the farther side of fifty, who might (to be) thirty, who might (to be) anything. 8. Mr. Ackroyd himself might (to admit) the stranger. 9. He may (not to sleep) since 9 o'clock. 10. He was of the opinion that the rivalry of the two ladies might (to breed) a quarrel between them. 11. She may (to know) Henry since her university days. 12. "You might (to spare) me that scene," she said. 13. They may (to wait) for you downstairs. 14. It's always tricky to go nosing around in waters where there may (to be) a nuclear explosion. Especially submerged. You never really know what you may (to run) into. You may (to tangle) with a sinken ship you didn't know was there. You've got to go in carefully and watch your step. 15. "If you want to know where Eliza is, she is upstairs." "But I think you might (to tell) us this half an hour ago." 16. "Where are the two ladies that were here?" "They walked to the bus when the rain stopped." "They might (to wait) for me. Left me with a cab on my hands!"