



## 40 MIGHT LEVEL 1

### IT MIGHT BE TRUE

- Sarah: I don't know it might be true...Who knows?
- Wentworth: Sarah, what are you talking about? What's the news today?
- Sarah: Well, we're discussing the duration of our training, with Mary and Rachel. Next semester, supposedly, lessons will last 40 minutes instead of an hour.
- Wentworth: Really? That is nonsense. Don't give credit to a rumor. There is no such thing. I think someone with too much time on their hands has nothing better to do than use it to spread rumors.
- Sarah: I think it may be true. I don't know, it might be true.... Someone, two years ago, submitted a similar proposal. The administration and board of teachers refused. They might agree now, who knows?
- Wentworth: Admittedly, we discussed the topic last week with colleagues, reducing the time for lessons doesn't sound like a bad idea but we talked about a 50-minute format, not less. Anyway, it is too early to tell. And there is no way the change will apply next semester.
- Sarah: This is just a rumor, then.
- Wentworth: Yes. Don't think too much of it. Everyone, have a nice day!
- Sarah: Have a nice day too!



IT MIGHT BE TRUE	Nothing better to do
To talk about	To use
What's the news?	To spread (rumors)
To discuss(something)	MAY
The duration	(time) ago
our	To submit
A training	A proposal
A semester	similar
next	A board of (teachers)
supposedly	To refuse
To last	MIGHT
approximately	To agree
Instead of (something)	admittedly
An hour	A topic
nonsense	A colleague
To give credit to	To reduce
A rumor (US)/ a rumour(UK)	To sound like
'there is no such thing'	less
someone	'Anyway'
Too much + uncountable	'there is no way'
'on their hands'	To apply

#### Grammar:

MIGHT is the modal for little probability. In everyday language, we commonly use the adverbs 'maybe' and 'perhaps but I don't know' to clearly indicate we have no certainty at all.

The pattern is MIGHT + v

#### I / ASSUMPTIONS

We use MIGHT to make suppositions or assumptions. We are really not sure the action is possible to happen or 'likely to' (the probability is between 0 and 25%).

Example: it may snow

She might not be sick



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## 2/ POLITENESS

We use MIGHT to give indications or instructions in a very formal way.

Example: You might need to show your ID

## 3/ PAST

MIGHT is the archaic form of the modal 'MAY' in past tenses.

Example: He said you might be sick