

**Might** is used as the past tense of **may**. Examples:  
 He realized that he **might catch** the earlier train if he hurried.  
 I knew my coach **might find out**.

You can also use **might** to talk about things that are possible. For example:  
 Put your purse away or it **might get** stolen.  
 You **might slip**, so hold on to the railing.

### Do, Does and Did

Use **do, does** and **did** to talk about actions.  
 Use **do** with the pronouns **I, you, we** and **they**, and with **plural nouns**. Use **does** with the pronouns **he, she** and **it** and with **singular nouns**.

**Did** is the simple past tense of **do** and **does**.

Examples: He **does** such interesting work.  
 Dad **does** the dishes.  
 You **did** well on the test.

They **do** amazing tricks.  
 They **did** the dusting and cleaning.

Here's a table to remind you about the use of **do** and **does**:

	Singular	Plural
First person	I <b>do</b>	we <b>do</b>
Second person	you <b>do</b>	you <b>do</b>
Third person	he <b>does</b>	they <b>do</b>
	she <b>does</b>	they <b>do</b>
	it <b>does</b>	they <b>do</b>

Here's a table to remind you about the use of the verb **did**:

	Singular	Plural
First person	I <b>did</b>	we <b>did</b>
Second person	you <b>did</b>	you <b>did</b>
Third person	he <b>did</b>	they <b>did</b>
	she <b>did</b>	they <b>did</b>
	it <b>did</b>	they <b>did</b>

Learn these contractions:

do not = don't  
 does not = doesn't  
 did not = didn't

You can also use **do, does**, and **did** as helping verbs to ask and answer questions. Examples:

Where **did** you find the wallet?  
**Do** you like ice cream? Yes I **do**.  
**Did** it snow last night? No, it **didn't**.

Why **did** he leave so suddenly?  
**Does** everyone **have** a dictionary?

Use **do not**, **does not** and **did not** to make other verbs **negative**. Examples:  
The baby **does not look** very happy.  
Dad **did not catch** his train.  
Cats **do not like** water.

**Exercise #13:** Fill in the blanks with **do**, **does** or **did**.

1. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ not do well on the exam last week.
2. Where \_\_\_\_\_ eggs come from?
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ this word mean?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ he drink coffee?
5. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you buy that luggage?

### **Would and Should**

The verb **would** is another **helping or auxiliary verb**. Use **would** as the past tense of will. It is polite to use **would like** when you are offering people things, or asking for something yourself.

Examples:

Peter said he **would come**.

John and Sue said they **would meet** me at the airport.

**Would** you like a cup of coffee?

**Would** you like a chocolate? Yes, please, I would love one.

**Should** is a helping or auxiliary verb. Use **should** to talk about necessary actions or things that people ought to do. Examples:

Children **should not play** in traffic.

I **should drink** more water.

You **should** always **say** thank you.

Learn these contractions:

I would	=	I'd	we would	=	we'd
you would	=	you'd	they would	=	they'd
he would	=	he'd	should not	=	shouldn't
she would	=	she'd	would not	=	wouldn't

**Exercise #14:** Fill in the blanks with **would** or **should**.

1. Every student \_\_\_\_\_ have a calculator.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you like some coffee?
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ all exercise thirty minutes per day.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ you like to play a game with me?
5. Children \_\_\_\_\_ not watch too much television.