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Will, May, and Might for Future Possibility; Will for Offers and Promises

Will We Need Teachers?

1 Grammar in the Real World

A How do you think schools will be different in 20 years? Read this article from an education magazine. How many of your ideas are in the article? How much of this is happening already in your school?

Virtual¹ Education

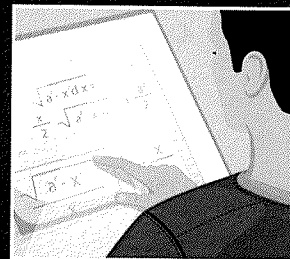
Imagine this. On Monday morning, you log on to an online school from home. Your work is in an online folder. You do an activity and e-mail it to your teacher. He promises he **will** check it and send it back in three hours. After lunch, you discuss the next assignment with classmates in Asia, Africa, and North America. Then your teacher calls through the computer, and you discuss your work.

For millions of students, this is already a reality. Soon it **might** be the way that everyone learns. More and more students **will** work in virtual classrooms from their home computers. Class materials **will** be online, so students **may not** need to buy books, pens, or paper.

Will students still need teachers? The answer is yes, but the teacher's job **will** probably change. The teacher **may** become a "learning manager" or coach.² Teachers in the future **may** look different, too. By 2050, some teachers **might not** even be human. They **might** be robots³ or virtual teachers who only exist online.

Online learning probably **won't** replace the classroom completely. People **will** always enjoy going to class. However, most education in the future **will** likely continue to combine both classroom and online learning.

¹virtual: through the use of a computer | ²coach: a person who trains a person or a team, usually in sports | ³robot: a mechanical device that works automatically or by computer control



B Comprehension Check Answer the questions about the article.

1. What is a virtual classroom?
2. Why can students in virtual classrooms live in different countries?
3. How will the teacher's job probably change?
4. Will online learning replace classrooms completely? Why or why not?

C Notice Find these sentences in the article. Complete the missing part of the verbs.

1. More and more students _____ work in virtual classrooms from their home computers.
2. Class materials will be online, so students _____ need to buy books, pens, or paper.
3. By 2050, some teachers _____ even be human.
4. People _____ always enjoy going to class.

2 | *May and Might; Adverbs with Will*

► Grammar Presentation

You can use *may* or *might* and a base form of a verb to talk and write about what is possible in the future.

Students **may** not need to buy books.
Everyone **might** take classes online.

2.1 Statements with *May* and *Might*

Subject	<i>May/Might</i>	<i>Not</i>	Base Form of Verb	
I You We They He She	may might	(not)	go talk	to a different kind of school in the future. to classmates all over the world.
It			be	the future of education.