

SPECULATING

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for talking about possible situations

Conversation: A quiet cafe

Lily	The cafe's empty today. Usually we have to wait for a table.
Sam	It might be because the school holidays started yesterday. Lots of families are away.
Lily	That's true, but I haven't seen any of the office workers either.
Sam	Maybe their office is closed today. They were moving furniture out last week.
Lily	Or they could be working from home while the building's being painted.
Sam	Yes. It's possible that they'll be back next week.
Lily	I hope so. The owner looked worried when we came in.
Sam	We don't know what's happened. Let's ask how things are going rather than guess.

Key phrases: might / Maybe / could / It's possible that

Conversation: Looking for a missing cat

Ava	I haven't seen Milo since breakfast. He's usually asleep on my bed by now.
Noah	Perhaps he's found somewhere warm in the garden. Have you checked behind the shed?
Ava	Yes, and under the bench. There's no sign of him.
Noah	He may have gone into the neighbour's kitchen. She leaves the door open sometimes.
Ava	I didn't think of that. She's been cooking fish, so he might like the smell.
Noah	I think he might come home when he's hungry. But let's ask her first.
Ava	I'll knock on her door. Should I take his food bowl with me?
Noah	Yes. If he's hiding nearby, the sound of it could bring him out.

Key phrases: Perhaps / may / I think / might

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Suggest possible explanations for an unusually quiet place. Avoid treating a guess as a fact.

Prompt 2: Discuss where a missing pet or object might be. Use clues to decide where to look next.