

# MIGHT



## CRITICISM

We often use might have + -ed form to express disapproval or criticism:

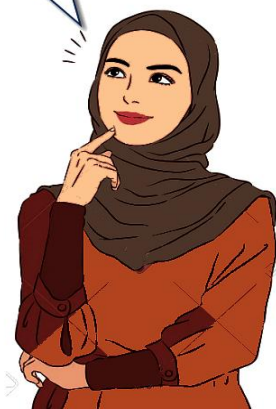
- You might have told me you weren't coming home for dinner.  
(you didn't tell me)
- You might have tidied your room. (you didn't tidy your room)

A sentence can have two possible meanings according to the way it is spoken, or the knowledge people have of the situation :

He might have told me.  
(=Perhaps he did, I can't remember.)

He might have told me.  
(=Why didn't he tell me?)

**He might have  
told me he'd  
be late!**



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## SUGGESTIONS

We can use might to give advice or make a suggestion sound more polite or less direct, especially when used together with like, prefer or want:

**[A waiter politely suggesting a dessert to a customer.]**

- You might like to try one of our wonderful desserts.

**[A teacher politely suggesting that her student should study more.]**

- You might want to spend more time studying and less time playing video games.