

ADVANCED GRAMMAR

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?')



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