

# FUNCTION: Expressing Possibility

John **is** absent today.

Sara **was** absent yesterday.

What happened to them?





# FUNCTION: Expressing Possibility

John **is** absent today.  
He **may be** sick.

Sara **was** absent yesterday.  
She **might have been** sick.





# FUNCTION: Expressing Possibility

Present  
Possibility

John **is** absent today.  
He may be sick.

Past  
Possibility

Sara **was** absent yesterday.  
She might have been sick.





# FUNCTION: Expressing Possibility

**Present Possibility**



**may /can**  
**+**  
**verb**

**Past Possibility**



**might /could**  
**+**  
**have + past participle**





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**Express possibility about the following statements.**

**1. She's wearing a nice caftan. (be invited)**

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**2. Mrs Smith wasn't in her office yesterday. (have a meeting)**

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**3. Salma wasn't at home yesterday evening. (go to the gym)**

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**4. Karim is late for work again. (be stuck in traffic)**

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