

Collaborative Practice - The Future

Task 1: Going To - Affirmative and Negative

Two citizens are discussing the mayor's plans to raise money for the city. Complete the sentences with GOING TO and the verbs in parentheses.

Ann: The city needs money.

Will: What **is** the mayor **going to do** (do) about it?

Ann: He **is going to increase** (increase) taxes.

Will: **Is** he **going to lay off** (lay off) city workers?

Ann: Yes, he is. And he **is not going to hire** (not / hire) any new police officers and teachers.

Will: That's not good. Crime **is probably going to increase** (probably / increase).

Ann: I agree.

Will: And children **are not going to increase** (not / increase) a good education.

Ann: I **am going to write** (write) a letter to the mayor.

Will: What **are** you **going to say** (say)?

Ann: I **am going to tell** (tell) him to bring more business to the city.

Will: How **is** he **going to do** (do) that?

Ann: Tourism. That's the answer!

Task 2: Will for the Future

Complete the conversation with WILL or WON'T and the verbs in parentheses. Use the contraction ('ll) after pronouns.

Dan: So, Laura, when **will** you **finish** (finish) your article about the future?

Laura: It **won't be** (not / be) ready until 4:00 pm., but I think you **will like** (like) it.

Dan: You interviewed Dr. Reiche, right?

Laura: Yes, I did. He says computers will **will help** (help) us stay healthy.

Dan: Oh, yeah? How's that?

Laura: In the future, we **will have** (have) computers inside our bodies. They **will check** (check) our blood sugar and blood pressure. We **will know** (know) if we have a problem right away.

Dan: **Will** diabetes and heart disease **disappear** (disappear)?

Laura: No, but people **won't die** (not / die) from those diseases so often, and people **will probably live** (probably / live) longer.

Dan: And when **will** this **happen** (happen)?

Laura: In about five years, I think.

Dan: Wow.

Task 3: Expressing Possibility

Read today's weather forecast. Then mark the correct words to complete the sentences in **bold**.

1. It (**will be** / won't be) a very windy day.
2. It (**will probably rain** / probably won't rain) but it (**may not rain** / won't rain) all day.
3. The temperature (may reach / **probably won't reach**) 60 degrees.
4. (**Will they cancel** / Might they cancel) the ball game this afternoon?
5. They (**might cancel** / won't cancel) the game if the rain is too heavy.
6. I'm sure you (**will get** / might get) a text about the game before noon.



Cloudy with
periods of rain



High of 50° F
(10° Celsius)



Winds SSE at
30 to 40 mph
(48 to 64 kph)



60 percent
chance of rain

Task 4: Gerunds of Infinitives

Complete the conversation with the gerund or infinitive form of the verb in parentheses.

Elena: Do you like **acting** (act)?

Julian: Yes, I do. I really enjoy **performing** (perform) in front of people.

Elena: Is it hard to find work as an actor?

Julian: Very hard. Many people want **to become** (become) actors. You need **to have** (have) talent, patience, and luck.

Elena: Do you ever think about **changing** (change) careers?

Julian: No. I refuse **to give up** (give up) my dream. I keep **trying out** (try out) for parts. I think I'm a great actor and I plan on **showing** (show) the world.