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 ('II) 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 wiil 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)?

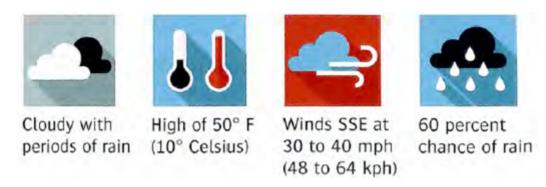
Laura: In about five years, I think.

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.



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.