

# Future forms (will, may, might)

## Common errors

Don't use *can* for predictions.  
Use *may* or *might*.

*I may go away for vacation.*  
(NOT *I can go away for vacation.*)

**On** **A** Circle the correct options in the conversations below.  
Compare and practice in groups of three.

- A What are you going to do at the end of this course?  
B I'm not sure. I guess I take / **I'll take** another course.  
C I don't know. I'm going to / I may travel abroad with my brother. He thinks his classes might / can finish early this year, so we might / will be able to go in May.
- A Are your friends going away for vacation next summer?  
B Well, they're all going to do / will all do different things. One friend is going / will go to Istanbul. I'd love to go, too, but I don't know. I won't / I might not be able to afford it.  
C Four of my friends will / may be 21, so we're having / have a big party. It's going to be fun.
- A Are you going to look for a new job next year?  
B Actually, I just got a new job. I'll / I'm going to work for the local newspaper. How about you?  
C I don't know. I think I'm studying / I'll study for a certificate in nutrition. I mean, I'll / I may probably go back to school because I'm pretty sure I won't / I might not get a job.

**About you** **B** **Group work** Ask and answer the questions. Give your own answers. Who has interesting plans?

## 12 Lesson A Future with *will*, *may*, and *might*

**A** Read the questions about future plans and choose the best options in the answers. Then practice with a partner.

- A Are you going to the beach on Saturday?  
B Probably not. It looks like it'll rain / it rains all weekend.
- A Do you have plans to move to a new apartment?  
B Actually, I'll move / I'm moving next week – I just found a new place!
- A Are you going to take another English course next semester?  
B I'm not sure. I might not / I won't have enough time.
- A How are you going to celebrate your next birthday?  
B Well, I'll be / I may be 30 on my next birthday, but I don't think I'll / I may do anything special.
- A Do you think you'll travel abroad in the next couple of years?  
B I don't know. Maybe I'll go / I go to Spain to learn Spanish.
- A Do you think you'll be rich someday?  
B No. I know I won't / I may not be rich because I'm not very good with money.

## Common errors

Don't use the simple present instead of *will* + verb for predictions.

*I don't think it will rain.*  
(NOT *I don't think it rains.*)

**About you** **B** **Pair work** Ask and answer the questions. Give your own information.