

## Expressing the future

### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct future forms.

■ comes ■ is coming

- 1 a The taxi ..... at 9.30.  
b The bus ..... at 10.05.

■ will win ■ are going to win

- 2 a Barcelona ..... They're 3-0 up and there's only ten minutes left.  
b I think Barcelona ..... tomorrow's match.  
■ 'll see ■ 'm going to see

- 3 a I hope I ..... you at the protest march on Wednesday.

b I ..... the latest James Bond film tomorrow.

■ 'm helping ■ might help

- 4 a I can't come to the cinema this afternoon – I ..... my dad fix the car.

b I ..... you with your essay later – it depends if I have time.

■ 'm travelling ■ 'm going to travel

- 5 a I ..... around South America in my gap year before university.

b I ..... to Edinburgh by plane – I've just got the tickets.

### 2 Complete Zoe's post on her social networking page using the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.



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Hi friends!

As some of you know already, a few of us  
1 ..... (get) together next Sunday to  
talk about the recycling club we 2 .....  
(start). The intention isn't to recycle rubbish, it  
3 ..... (be) for anything that you think  
you 4 ..... (not use) in the future but  
is too good to throw away – gadgets, furniture,  
tools, bikes, etc. We're going to set up a new  
page on this site which you can all link to, and  
hopefully it 5 ..... (be) an easy way  
to post details of anything you don't need but  
think someone else might find a use for. We  
6 ..... (meet) in Giovanni's café at  
10 a.m., but don't forget that the clocks are  
changing next Saturday night! The weather  
forecast says it 7 ..... (be) sunny and  
unusually warm, so I think we 8 .....  
(be able to) sit outside.

Zoe

### 3 Match the answers in exercise 2 to the ways of expressing the future below.

- a uncertain prediction .....  
b hope .....  
c intention .....  
d arrangement .....  
e prediction based on evidence .....

### 4 Complete the dialogue with the correct future form of the verbs below.

■ be ■ take ■ close (x2) ■ come ■ explain ■ can  
■ understand ■ use

A 1 ..... you ..... to the flashmob event we're organizing at the bank on Saturday? We're meeting there at 9 a.m.

B I might come. I'm not sure whether I 2 ..... free. What exactly are you going to do there?

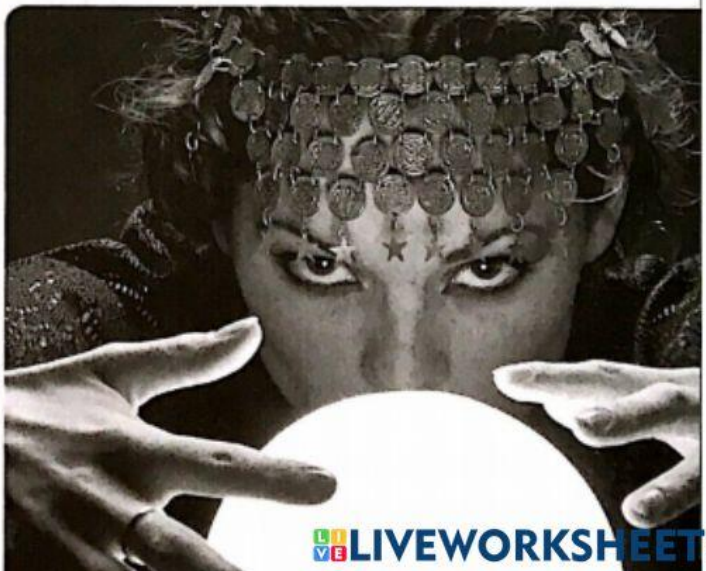
A We 3 ..... books into the bank and sit around reading them.

B And what are you hoping that people 4 ..... by that?

A Well, we 5 ..... that it's because banks have taken so much of the public's money in recent years that a lot of libraries 6 ..... soon. Our local library 7 ..... next month, so the idea is that from now on we 8 ..... banks as libraries!

B That's cool! I hope I 9 ..... come.

### 5 CHALLENGE! Write a list of your plans, arrangements and predictions for the future. Use different future forms depending on how sure you are that these things will happen.



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