

GRAMMAR Future (2): Predictions

1 Match the examples 1–5 with the meanings a–e.

- 1 This city will become more crowded in the future.
- 2 You might find that you enjoy this game more as time goes on.
- 3 I'm going to pass all my exams this year – I've studied really hard.
- 4 You'll be living in a different country this time next month.
- 5 Dan may well be late home this evening – he's got football training.

- a a strong possibility in the future
- b a possibility in the future
- c a general prediction about the future
- d a prediction about something in progress in the future
- e a prediction based on something we already know

2 Choose the correct future form.

- 1 I *'ll watch* / *'ll be watching* that new show on TV at 8.15 tonight.
- 2 Don't tell Steven your bad news. He won't *like* / *be liking* it.
- 3 This time next week, you'll *lie* / *'ll be lying* on a beach in the sunshine.
- 4 I don't think this new product *will sell* / *will be selling* very well.
- 5 Don't buy her that book. She *might* / *could* not like romances.
- 6 Have a taste of this sauce – you *'re going to* / *may well* like it even though it's very spicy.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word given.

- 1 Perhaps we'll meet up later.
MIGHT
We later.
- 2 I think it's very possible that Danny will forget to invite somebody.
WELL
Danny to invite somebody.
- 3 You might become quite rich because of your business idea.
MAKE
Your business idea quite rich.
- 4 Attending university is not something she plans to do.
GOING
She to university.
- 5 At this time, she'll still be awake.
SLEEPING
She at this time.

4 Correct the mistakes in these sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.

- 1 After that, you will be going to have lunch.
- 2 We should use the bicycles for travelling around, because we will be having more fun.
- 3 I will be waiting for you next week.
- 4 September is not suitable for me because I will take examinations.
- 5 I'd like to go on holiday in the summer because I will study in September.

VOCABULARY a / the number of

1 Complete the sentences with a or the.

- 1 There have been number of complaints.
- 2 She was delighted with number of cakes she sold at the fair.
- 3 number of people are joining the club.
- 4 I couldn't believe number of students who failed the test.

2 Match the adjectives to their meanings.

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| 1 considerable | | 5 minimum | |
| 2 growing | | 6 record | |
| 3 limited | | 7 reduced | |
| 4 maximum | | 8 unlimited | |
- a describing the largest amount allowed or possible
 - b made less in number
 - c kept within a particular size, range, time, etc.
 - d getting bigger in size or quantity
 - e large or important enough to be noticed
 - f describing the biggest, best, highest, etc.
 - g describing the smallest amount allowed or possible
 - h without any maximum number

3 Complete the sentences. Use an adjective from exercise 2 and number.

- 1 The number of students is getting bigger.
There is a of students.
- 2 The number of tickets available is not as big as it was.
A of tickets are now available.
- 3 There is no limit to the phone calls you can make.
You can make an of phone calls.
- 4 A lot of people bought my app.
My app was bought by a of people.
- 5 Nobody is allowed to buy more than two tickets.
Two is the of tickets anyone is allowed to buy.