

Likely vs Probably

The way he is driving he is **likely** to have an accident.

The way he is driving he is **probably** going to have an accident.

Fill in the gaps with 'likely', 'unlikely' or 'probably'

1. It's going to rain, so you had better bring your umbrella.
2. It's to rain, so you had better bring your umbrella.
3. Chelsea are the better team, so they will win.
4. Chelsea are the better team, so they are to win.
5. Chelsea are the better team, so it is that they will lose.
6. If it rains, we won't go on the picnic.
7. If it rains, we are to go on the picnic.
8. If it rains, we are not to go on the picnic.
9. This video is to last an hour.
10. This video will last an hour.
11. My mother will be working in the garden.
12. My mother is to be working in the garden.
13. I will be very busy tomorrow.
14. I am to be very busy tomorrow.
15. James will be late. He always is.
16. James is to be late. He always is.
17. The police say that the burglars are local people.
18. The police say that the burglars are to be local people.
19. The missing plane crashed into the sea.
20. The missing plane is to have crashed into the sea.
21. There is to be snow tonight.
22. There will be snow tonight.
23. We won't be going to London next year.
24. We are not to be going to London next year.
25. We are to be going to London next year.

Rewrite these sentences changing from **probably** to **likely** or vice versa.

- 1 The weather forecast said it's likely to snow tonight.
- 2 The builders probably won't finish until the summer.
- 3 The meeting will probably finish late.
- 4 The jury are likely to find him guilty.
- 5 There will probably be a lot of traffic this evening.
- 6 It's likely that we'll never know what really happened.
- 7 We probably won't be here at the weekend.

Fill in either 'likely', 'unlikely' or 'probably'

1. If you don't speak slowly, they _____ won't understand you.
2. If he loses this job, he is not _____ to get another.
3. They _____ won't be coming today because their child is sick.
4. They are _____ to be coming today because their child is sick.
5. She has worked hard, so she will _____ do well in her exams.
6. She has worked hard so she is _____ to do well in her exams.
7. The traffic is terrible so I am _____ to be late for work.
8. The traffic is terrible so I will _____ be late for work.
9. You have _____ heard that I will be leaving the company soon.
10. My mother is _____ to continue working next year.