

## Unit 4 Grammar

- A. Choose the option that best completes each statement about the use of modal verbs and expressions.

### SPECULATING ABOUT THE FUTURE

#### A Modal verbs & expressions

We use a range of modal verbs and expressions to speculate about the future: *will, can, could, may, might, going to*. (See page 18 for more information about the use of these modals for speculating about the past.)

We use *will, can't* and *going to* to make <sup>(1)</sup>*confident / tentative* predictions:

*This is what's going to drive businesses in the future.*

We use *may, could, might* to express <sup>(2)</sup>*confident / tentative* predictions. We add *well* after *could, might, may* to increase the level of certainty:

*It might well affect almost all industries.*

We use modal + *be* + verb + *-ing* to describe an action <sup>(3)</sup>*in progress at / completed by* a given point in time in the future:

*Consumers of the future will be asking for durability.*

We use modal + *have* + past participle to describe an action <sup>(4)</sup>*in progress at / completed by* a given point in time in the future:

*Those companies that haven't been able to adapt will have disappeared.*

#### B Adverbs

We use **adverbs** to add information about how <sup>(5)</sup>*frequent / certain* we think a future event or state might be.

We use *possibly* and *probably* to show that we are <sup>(6)</sup>*confident / not so confident*:

*It could possibly be one of the best ways to move forward.*

We use *certainly, definitely* to show that we are <sup>(7)</sup>*confident / not so confident*:

*Car manufacturers will certainly have to change their business models.*

The adverbs usually come <sup>(8)</sup>*before / after* an affirmative modal verb and <sup>(9)</sup>*before / after* a negative modal verb.

#### C Common expressions

Which of the expressions below is the most/least confident?

<sup>(10)</sup> <i>it's likely to/that</i>	<i>it's sure to</i>
<i>it's unlikely to/that</i>	<i>there's a (good) chance that...</i>
<i>it's bound to</i>	<i>(the) chances are that...</i>

- B. Choose the option with the correct structure of each sentence with modal verbs and expressions.
- The sharing economy will certainly change the way we do business.
  - The sharing economy certainly will change the way we do business.
- a. The sharing economy could be a big success in my country.  
b. It's sure that the sharing economy could be a big success in my country.
- a. It might surely be hard to convince people about the sharing economy movement.  
b. It will be hard to convince people about the sharing economy movement.
- a. I like the idea of sharing, but I'm unlikely to want to share my car.  
b. I like the idea of sharing, but I'm bound to want to share my car.
- a. Finding enough people willing to share their possessions will possibly be difficult to start with.  
b. Finding enough people willing to share their possessions will have been possibly be difficult to start with.

