

Vocabulary

Describing change

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- The number of cars on the road is *going up/going down*. Everyone's really happy about it.
- We've got some great people here. I'm sure the situation will *improve/get worse*.
- It's becoming *easier/harder* for young people to find a well-paid job these days. Because of this, many of them are staying at home with their parents instead of renting apartments.
- Crime is *rising/falling* in the area because there are more police on the streets.
- More and more people are moving to cities, so the population of small towns and villages is *decreasing/increasing*.
- The number of accidents is *rising/going down*, and many people are asking what we can do to change the situation.

2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- The number of people without jobs is increasing.
The number of people without jobs is *rising*.
- I hope the situation gets better.
I hope the situation *improves*.
- There aren't so many tourists coming these days.
The number of tourists is *falling*.
- It's becoming more difficult to find a house these days.
It's *getting harder* to find a house these days.
- Because of the new rules, it won't be so difficult to get a visa.
Getting a visa is *getting easier*.
- The number of visitors went up in January.
The number of visitors *increased* in January.
- There won't be so many students in the class this year.
The number of students will *decrease* this year.
- There won't be so much work next year.
The amount of work will *decrease* next year.

Grammar

will for prediction

3 Choose the correct alternatives.

The future of the classroom

In the future, the way we learn languages ¹*will* change. Technology ²*will* *to* get better and this *will* ³*helping/help* to make lessons more interesting and interactive. The use of digital tools such as tablets *will* ⁴*increases/increase* and fewer people *will* ⁵*use/using* textbooks. Experts predict that the 'online classroom' *will* become more popular and students ⁶*will* *are* have lessons at home, which means that people *won't* ⁷*have/having* to travel very far to school. Some people even say that robots *will* ⁸*to* *replace/replace* people as teachers! Whatever happens, the classrooms of the future *will* certainly be different!

4 Complete the sentences with *will* or *won't* and the verbs in brackets.

- I don't believe the population of our country *will fall* (fall) in ten years' time.
- She *will* (not go) to university next year if she gets poor exam results.
- Do you think it *will* (be) sunny tomorrow? Yes, I think so!
- I'm certain he *will* (pass) his exams at the end of the year. He works so hard.
- We hope that everybody *will* (have) jobs in the future.
- Scientists are sure that temperatures *will* (rise) and the planet will become hotter in a few years' time.
- Robots *will* (not replace) teachers. I'm sure of it!
- Will* the weather (get worse)? Yes, it will.

5 Complete the sentences with *will* or *won't* and the words and phrases in the box.

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- He's pretty lazy. I don't think he *will come to the party* tonight.
- He didn't do his homework, so the teacher *will be angry with* him.
- She's not happy in the job. She *will carry money* long.
- We *will go on holiday* in the future. We'll pay for everything by card.
- If she comes to the meeting, she *will stay here*. I hate it when she does that.
- I don't think we *will probably arrive late*. We don't have the money.

