

## GRAMMAR *will / won't* for predictions

### A Underline the correct verb for the phrases.

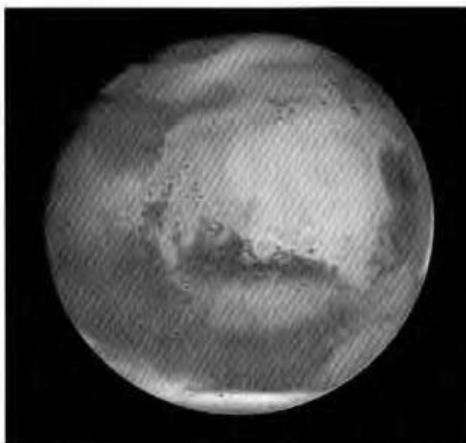
- 1 speak / live Chinese
- 2 be / find life on other planets
- 3 win / own the World Cup
- 4 work / find abroad
- 5 look for / look after the environment
- 6 be / have rich
- 7 live / become to be 100

### B Complete the sentences with the *will* form of the verbs and nouns in exercise A. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 Half of babies born in the UK today *will live to be 100*.
- 2 Many people think that Brazil .....
- 3 Do you think you ..... or stay in your country?
- 4 We believe that people ..... and save the Earth.
- 5 Experts say that 15% of the world's population ..... by 2050.
- 6 If he works hard and saves money, he ..... one day.
- 7 One day, scientists ....., but not on the Moon.

### C Underline the correct verb form, positive or negative.

- 1 John probably will / won't come to work tomorrow. He's feeling very ill.
- 2 The new law will / won't help everyone, including old people.
- 3 I expect Alison will / won't be late, as usual. She never arrives on time.
- 4 They will / won't go on holiday this year. They haven't got any money.
- 5 I don't think she will / won't get the job. She doesn't have enough experience.
- 6 We will / won't see you at the party tonight. We're going to stay at home.



### D Complete the text with *will* or *won't*.

## GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR PENSIONS

A NEW study <sup>1</sup> *will* be published tomorrow about the government's plans for pensions. It is expected to say that more and more people <sup>2</sup> ..... live longer in the next few years. Because of this, there <sup>3</sup> ..... be enough money to pay for pensions from the age of sixty. Pensions will be cut and everyone <sup>4</sup> ..... need to work until they are older. The situation <sup>5</sup> ..... be difficult for younger people who <sup>6</sup> ..... be able to stop working until they are sixty-five or above.

### E Correct the mistakes in the sentences, if necessary, or write OK.

- 1 I'll to see you tomorrow.  
*I'll see you tomorrow.*
- 2 Do they will arrive before the party tonight?  
.....
- 3 There won't not be enough money to pay for the tickets.  
.....
- 4 I think Liam will make a good leader.  
.....
- 5 We'll be probably a bit late.  
.....
- 6 Do think you'll ever be rich?  
.....

## PRONUNCIATION

### A 14.3 Listen and tick (✓) the sentence you hear, a or b.

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| 1 a) They'll come at ten o'clock           | b) They come at ten o'clock.          |
| 2 b) We'll want to sit outside.            | b) We want to sit outside.            |
| 3 a) I'll see you on Thursday.             | b) I see you on Thursday.             |
| 4 a) You'll need to bring some money.      | b) You need to bring some money.      |
| 5 a) We'll finish later tonight.           | b) We finish later tonight.           |
| 6 a) I think they'll bring their children. | b) I think they bring their children. |

### B Listen again and repeat the sentences.

## READING

**A Read the newspaper stories. Match each story to the part of a newspaper where you would expect to find it.**

- Sports
- National news
- International news
- Financial news
- Show business

1 .....

Dan Smitt and Valentina Solice are going to get divorced. The couple married only two years ago in a \$2 million **ceremony** in Los Angeles. They have three children, Chien, Nami and Seisoo. Smitt and Solice met when they were making *Take My Wife*, a romantic comedy set in Rome.

2 .....

After a better result than they expected in last night's local elections, the Democrats are optimistic about their chances of winning next week's national elections. The Socialists said that they hope people will support them, but with only 23% of the vote at present, it looks **unlikely**.

3 .....

Two weeks before one of the most important competitions of the year, Universe star player Gianfranco Pizzi has been injured and will probably be out of the European Cup. Universe captain Marc van Rijn said yesterday it was a terrible **blow** for the team, but they will still do everything they can to win the cup.

4 .....

There have been angry scenes outside the offices of one of the country's largest companies. Muntz, maker of sweets and chocolates, lost €3 million last year. It says it is going to close down its largest factory and cut 80,000 jobs. Employees are **protesting** outside the factory.

5 .....

Suleman Singh, the Suritanian president, has **accused** the Rinastani prime minister of telling lies. The two countries have been unable to **resolve** their differences for more than sixty years and it was hoped that these talks would be the beginning of a process towards peace.

**B Answer the questions.**

- 1 How long have Dan Smitt and Valentina Solice been married?
- 2 How many children do they have?
- 3 Do the Democrats think they can win the election?
- 4 Who is the captain of Universe?
- 5 How much money did Muntz lose last year?
- 6 How many jobs are going to be lost?
- 7 When did the problems between Rinastan and Suritan start?

**C Look back at these highlighted words in the text and try to work out what they mean. Answer the questions. Don't use a dictionary.**

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| 1 <i>ceremony</i> (noun)                 | Does it happen in front of other people?                               |
| 2 <i>unlikely</i> (adjective)            | Is it going to happen?   |
| 3 <i>blow</i> (noun)                     | Is this a good or a bad thing to happen?                               |
| 4 <i>protest</i> (verb)                  | Are the people doing this happy or unhappy?                            |
| 5 <i>accuse</i> (verb)                   | Do you accuse someone of something good or something bad?              |
| 6 <i>resolve your differences</i> (verb) | If you need to resolve your differences, do you agree with each other? |

**D Match the highlighted words in exercise C with these definitions.**

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|---|-------|
| a an event that stops you from being successful   | [ 3 ] |
| b take action to show you disagree with something | [ ]   |
| c to try to agree with each other                 | [ ]   |
| d a formal public event with special customs      | [ ]   |
| e to say that someone did something wrong         | [ ]   |
| f probably not going to happen                    | [ ]   |

