

## UNIT 5

### GRAMMAR: POSSIBILITY

#### WILL/MAY/MIGHT

- ▶ What **will** happen?
- ▶ What **may** happen?
- ▶ What **might** happen?

- ▶ We use **will, may and might** to talk about predictions based on opinions: something that we believe or calculate.



**Might**

- More usual than may
- When we are not sure about something.

**Structure: S + might(not) + infinitive/V.ing**

Examples:

- I might not be there tomorrow.
- It might rain today.



# May, might and will

- Possibility: we use may or might to talk about something that it is possible now or in the future.
  - I **may / might** go to Mexico next year.
  - You **may / might** not have a problem with your computer.
- **May & might** have the same meaning. They both express **a possibility**.
- We use may & might when we are **not certain** about something.
  - I **may** arrive late. (it is possible)



# Predictions

- We use **will** to make **predictions**. Sometimes we are sure. Sometimes we aren't sure.
- **will** definitely – 100%
- **will** probably – 70%
- **may/might** – 50%
- **probably won't** – 30%
- **definitely won't** – 0%

## ADVERBS OF PROBABILITY AND POSSIBILITY

CERTAIN



I will **definitely** vote when I'm 18. -> *affirmative sentence*  
People will **probably** live longer in the future. -> *affirmative sentence*  
I **probably** won't learn to speak Swahili. -> *negative sentence*  
Perhaps I'll study in the USA. -> *at the beginning*  
Maybe I'll get married in the future. -> *at the beginning*

NOT CERTAIN

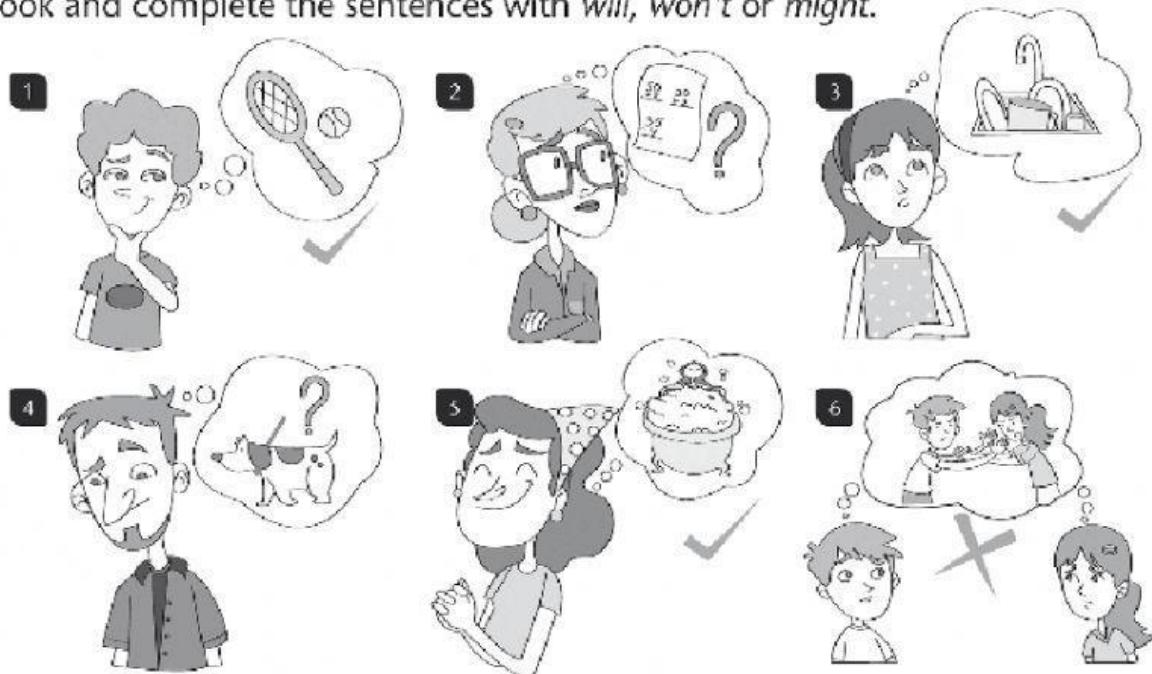
### ADVERBS GO BETWEEN WILL AND THE INFINITE IN AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES:

EX: I WILL DEFINITELY GO TO THE CINEMA NEXT SUMMER.

### ADVERBS GO BEFORE WILL AND THE INFINITIVE IN NEGATIVE SENTENCES:

EX: I CERTAINLY WON'T TRAVEL ABROAD NEXT YEAR.

Look and complete the sentences with *will*, *won't* or *might*.



1. Tomorrow, Rick \_\_\_\_\_ play tennis.
2. Next week, Miss Maya \_\_\_\_\_ give us a Maths test!
3. This evening, Maura \_\_\_\_\_ wash the dishes.
4. Tonight, Fred \_\_\_\_\_ take his dog for a walk.
5. In the evening, Coco \_\_\_\_\_ have a long bath.
6. This month, Rico and Lara \_\_\_\_\_ fight all the time.