

Unit 3.2 – Expressing certainty and possibility

1. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words and phrases below.

BE DUE TO

PROBABLY

BE LIKELY THAT

BE UNLIKELY THAT

BE LIKELY TO

BE UNLIKELY TO

- 1 The company has been very profitable, so it _____ it will open more stores.
- 2 With recent sponsorship deals, they _____ increase their revenue even more.
- 3 The CEO _____ make an announcement about the company's plans at three o'clock this afternoon.
- 4 They've recently increased the dividend, so it _____ shareholders will complain.
- 5 Their brand is incredibly popular, so they _____ have problems getting celebrity endorsement.
- 6 Profitability will _____ continue to increase as the company grows.

2. Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 The marketing strategy is certain to be a success. (definitely)

The marketing strategy _____

- 2 They'll probably open a new store in Tokyo. (probable)

_____ they'll open a new store in Tokyo.

- 3 They're going to launch a new line next week. (due)

_____ launch a new line next week.

- 4 Sales probably won't drop next quarter. (improbable)

_____ sales will drop next quarter.

- 5 It's unlikely that the competition will be as successful. (unlikely)

The competition _____

- 6 We're likely to sign a sponsorship deal at the next meeting. (probably)

_____ sign a sponsorship deal at the next meeting.

3. Put the words in brackets in the correct place in the sentences.

- 1 We will _____ reach _____ our sales target this quarter. (probably)

- 2 They're on schedule, and they're _____ going to meet _____ their budget. (also)

- 3 Their profits _____ are _____ to increase next year. (likely)

- 4 We're _____ to make a loss _____ (unlikely)

- 5 They _____ won't _____ accept the proposed terms of the sponsorship deal. (probably)

6 Do _____ they _____ hope to increase online sales? (also)