

3.2 FUTURE PREDICTIONS

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RULES

- 1 We use will + infinitive without *to* to make predictions about the future.
- 2 We use going to + infinitive without *to* to make predictions when there is present evidence.
- 3 We use *may* or + infinitive without *to* to say something is possible but not certain.
- 4 We use *likely* + infinitive with to say something will probably happen.



Dr. Michio Kaku is a physicist who makes TV programs about the future. He believes we ¹*will be design/will design* new worlds that look like our own, and that virtual reality is ²*become/going to*

become more like our reality. In one program, Kaku jumps into a remote-controlled car and tells us the car is so intelligent that the words "traffic jam" and "traffic accident" ³*are going to disappear/going to disappear* from the language. He also says that, in a few years' time, microchips will be so cheap they ⁴*are could be built/could be built* into every product we buy—our walls, our furniture, even our clothes. And they ⁵*likely/are likely* to be so small we ⁶*won't know/won't to know* they exist. Kaku also believes our sunglasses ⁷*may become/may becoming* our future home entertainment centers. He then does a virtual dance using 3D technology (his dance partner is hundreds of miles away) and explains that, one day in the near future, 3D technology ⁸*is could replace/could replace* the telephone and ⁹*reduce might/might reduce* air travel. Finally, he investigates robots and concludes that, in the long term, some of our closest friends ¹⁰*might not be/might be not* people.

