

3B

Grammar

Speculating and predicting

I can speculate and make predictions about the future.

1 Look at the table. Then write sentences using the prompts.

100%	90%	70%	40%	10%	0%
will definitely	will probably	could / may / might	may not / might not	probably won't	definitely won't

1 it / rain / tomorrow (70%)

It might rain tomorrow.

2 I / go to bed late tonight (0%)

3 Tom / pass all his exams (100%)

4 Lisa / go to the doctor's tomorrow (70%)

5 I / get the answer right (40%)

6 Fred / see his girlfriend this weekend (90%)

7 Jade / play computer games this evening (10%)

2 USE OF ENGLISH Rewrite the sentence so that it has a similar meaning using the words in brackets.

1 I doubt scientists will find a cure for cancer in the near future. (probably)

2 I'm certain that doctors won't find a cure for the common cold. (definitely)

3 It's possible that millions of people will get ill from the flu virus this winter. (may)

4 I'm sure bio-printing of organs will become a reality. (definitely)

5 I'm fairly sure people will be healthier in the future. (probably)

6 It's possible that antibiotics won't be effective in the future. (might)

3 Match 1–6 with a–f to make predictions.

- 1 If you touch that hot saucepan, ☐
- 2 If you take painkillers, ☐
- 3 If you twist your ankle, ☐
- 4 If you break your arm, ☐
- 5 If you aren't careful with that knife, ☐
- 6 If you have a bad nosebleed, ☐

- a you won't be able to walk.
- b you'll have to go to hospital.
- c you might cut yourself.
- d you'll burn yourself.
- e you could lose a lot of blood.
- f your headache will disappear.

4 Complete the first conditional sentences with the verbs below. Use the present simple form and **will / won't + base form**.

be be not be able to cut down die out find
get get rid of live protect rise not use

- 1 If scientists _____ cures for most diseases, people _____ much longer.
- 2 If the climate _____ warmer, sea levels _____.
- 3 Many endangered species _____ if we don't _____ them.
- 4 We _____ stop climate change if we _____ less fossil fuels.
- 5 If we _____ the rainforests, there _____ more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
- 6 If we _____ nuclear weapons, I think the world _____ a much safer place.

5 Some of the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1 If you go to the cinema, I might to go too. ☐
- 2 The weather could not be very good tomorrow. ☐
- 3 I'll probably get up early tomorrow. ☐
- 4 Sam won't probably be at home this evening. ☐
- 5 You could be right. ☐
- 6 I'll go to the concert if the tickets will be cheap. ☐