

Likely vs Probably

The way he is driving he is **likely** to have an accident.

The way he is driving he is **probably** going to have an accident.

Fill in the gaps with 'likely', 'unlikely' or 'probably'

1. It's _____ going to rain, so you had better bring your umbrella.
2. It's _____ to rain, so you had better bring your umbrella.
3. Chelsea are the better team, so they will _____ win.
4. Chelsea are the better team, so they are _____ to win.
5. Chelsea are the better team, so it is _____ that they will lose.
6. If it rains, we _____ won't go on the picnic.
7. If it rains, we are _____ to go on the picnic.
8. If it rains, we are not _____ to go on the picnic.
9. This video is _____ to last an hour.
10. This video will _____ last an hour.
11. My mother will _____ be working in the garden.
12. My mother is _____ to be working in the garden.
13. I will _____ be very busy tomorrow.
14. I am _____ to be very busy tomorrow.
15. James will _____ be late. He always is.
16. James is _____ to be late. He always is.
17. The police say that the burglars are _____ local people.
18. The police say that the burglars are _____ to be local people.
19. The missing plane _____ crashed into the sea.
20. The missing plane is _____ to have crashed into the sea.
21. There is _____ to be snow tonight.
22. There will _____ be snow tonight.
23. We _____ won't be going to London next year.
24. We are not _____ to be going to London next year.
25. We are _____ to be going to London next year.

Rewrite these sentences changing from **probably** to **likely** or vice versa.

- 1 The weather forecast said it's likely to snow tonight.
- 2 The builders probably won't finish until the summer.
- 3 The meeting will probably finish late.
- 4 The jury are likely to find him guilty.
- 5 There will probably be a lot of traffic this evening.
- 6 It's likely that we'll never know what really happened.
- 7 We probably won't be here at the weekend.

Fill in either 'likely', 'unlikely' or 'probably'

1. If you don't speak slowly, they _____ won't understand you.
2. If he loses this job, he is not _____ to get another.
3. They _____ won't be coming today because their child is sick.
4. They are _____ to be coming today because their child is sick.
5. She has worked hard, so she will _____ do well in her exams.
6. She has worked hard so she is _____ to do well in her exams.
7. The traffic is terrible so I am _____ to be late for work.
8. The traffic is terrible so I will _____ be late for work.
9. You have _____ heard that I will be leaving the company soon.
10. My mother is _____ to continue working next year.