

94 Hopes and plans

A Making plans

- A** Ramiro says you're making plans for your grandmother's 90th birthday in July. **Are you thinking of** having a party or something else?
- B** Oh, a party, and we're **expecting** about a hundred people, **actually**.
- A** Wow! And where do you **intend to** have it?
- B** On a river boat, and I'm **hoping to** get a jazz band too. In fact, I'm **about to** call them to **sort out** the arrangements with them. Oh, and don't say anything to grandma – it's all a big secret.
- A** I **wonder** how she'll react.
- B** She'll love it! And we're all really **looking forward to** it.

GLOSSARY

make plans (for sth)	prepare for sth you want to do in the future SYN plan sth
be thinking of/ about doing sth	have already thought about sth but not yet decided about it
expect	think or believe that sth/sb will come or that sth will happen
intend to do sth / doing sth	plan to do sth / doing sth
hope to do sth	intention <i>n</i> OPP have no intention of doing sth want to do sth and think that it is possible
be about to do sth	be going to do sth very soon
sort sth out	organize sth
wonder	ask yourself sth or want to know sth: <i>I wonder why/ how/if, etc. ...</i>
look forward to (doing) sth	be happy and excited about sth that is going to happen

SPOTLIGHT *actually*

Actually is often used when adding new information or being more exact. **SYN in fact** Be careful: **actually** does **not** mean 'at the moment'.
 ■ He's German, isn't he? ~ Yes, he's from Berlin, **actually**.

1 Same or different? Write S or D.

- Have you planned anything for tonight? / Have you made any plans for tonight? S
- 1 I wonder what time they'll arrive. / I'd like to know what time they'll arrive.
- 2 He's thinking of going to Ireland. / He intends to go to Ireland.
- 3 I live in Poland at the moment. / I live in Poland, actually.
- 4 I'm hoping to see Mark and Owen. / I'm looking forward to seeing Mark and Owen.
- 5 I don't intend to buy the car. / I've no intention of buying the car.
- 6 She's looking forward to seeing John. / She's expecting to see John.
- 7 I'm about to go out. / I'm hoping to go out.
- 8 We'll have to sort out the room for the meeting. / We'll have to organize the room for the meeting.

2 Complete the email.

We're ► thinking of taking six months off work this winter. At the moment, we're (1) plans to go travelling, and we're trying to decide exactly where to go. We (2) to spend most of the time travelling round Australia and New Zealand as we both have family there. I'm (3) to be able to get hotel work there, which will cover the cost of our accommodation. We're not (4) anything amazing, but at the same time, we've no (5) of sleeping in a tent for the whole time – in (6), I'm (7) to look online at places to rent for the first place we go to. If everything goes OK, we'll be in Sydney on Christmas Day, which will be fabulous. I'm really looking (8) to it. I (9) what Christmas is like in a hot country? Send

3 ABOUT YOU Complete the sentences about yourself, or ask another student. Be careful with prepositions and verbs after the sentence beginnings.

- I am about to take my driving test, and I'm very nervous about it.
- 1 In the next few days, I'm planning
- 2 Tomorrow, I'm thinking of
- 3 Next weekend I'm looking forward
- 4 Tonight, I have no intention
- 5 Next week, I don't expect



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B Spoken responses

Are you going to move house?



Responses	Meaning
✓ Definitely.	= Yes, I'm sure it will happen.
✗ Definitely not.	= No, I'm sure it won't happen.
✓ I think so.	= I think it will probably happen.
✗ I don't think so. / I doubt it.	= I think it probably won't happen.
✓ I hope so.	= I want it to happen, but I don't know if it will.
✗ I hope not.	= I don't want it to happen, and I don't know if it will.
✓ I'm afraid so.	= I think it will happen and I'm unhappy about it.
✗ I'm afraid not.	= I don't think it'll happen and I'm unhappy about it.
✓ I assume so.	= I think it will happen, but I cannot be sure.
✓ I expect so.	= I think it will happen.
✓ I imagine so.	
✓ I guess so.	= I think it will happen, but I'm not completely happy about it.
✓ I suppose so.	

4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write S or D. Use the to help you. Practise saying the words.

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| ▶ expect / think | D | 4 hope / suppose | |
| 1 definitely / afraid | | 5 imagine / guess | |
| 2 doubt / but | | 6 so / hope | |
| 3 assume / suppose | | 7 think / expect | |

5 Correct the mistakes.

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| ▶ I'm assume so. | I assume so. | 5 I afraid so. | |
| 1 I doubt so. | | 6 I don't hope so. | |
| 2 I'm afraid no. | | 7 Definitely no. | |
| 3 I don't think. | | 8 I'm expect so. | |
| 4 I guess it. | | | |

6 Complete the dialogues, giving an explanation.

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| ▶ Is everything going OK with your holiday plans? | ~ Yes, I hope so, because we're leaving on Friday! |
| 1 Are they making plans to have a party? | ~ I don't know, but I i..... because |
| 2 Is Ravi going to cook for us tonight? | ~ I don't t..... because |
| 3 Is Melissa planning to get married? | ~ I h..... because |
| 4 Are you going on holiday this summer? | ~ I'm a..... because |
| 5 Do you think Omar will get the job? | ~ I a..... because |
| 6 Are you expecting the team to win? | ~ I d..... because |
| 7 Are you intending to buy that laptop? | ~ D....., because |
| 8 Are you going to take the exam? | ~ Yes, I s....., but |



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