



Ask your friend

what he / she will be doing this week (attending many meetings)

A: What will you be doing this week?

B: *I'll be attending many meetings this week.*

1. what he / she will be doing next weekend (doing extra work at home)
2. what he / she will be doing after lunch (taking the kids to soccer practice)
3. what he / she will be doing next summer (visiting his/her folks in New York City)
4. what he / she will be teaching the students today (testing them)
5. what a construction company will be building on this land (building a new factory).
6. what he / she will be cooking for dinner tonight (cooking lasagna)



Celebrities

Oprah Winfrey

Becoming the world's most powerful woman and one of the 100 people who most influenced the 20th century are just two among many of Oprah Winfrey's accomplishments. She is an American media proprietor, talk show host, actress, producer and philanthropist who experienced considerable hardship during her childhood. She lived in poverty, was abused at an early age, and became pregnant at the age of 14; she came from nothing to rise up to be one of the most powerful women in society nowadays. Oprah has a huge following and many people (mostly women) try to lead their lives by her example. She is a strong powerful woman who defied adversity to become recognized for her talent, generosity and fierceness. She is a role-model to more than a generation of girls who dream of freeing themselves from discrimination and becoming their own providers.

1. What attributes of Oprah Winfrey are mentioned in the text?
2. Why does the text say that 'she came from nothing'?
3. What are some of Oprah's activities nowadays?
4. What feelings or desires does she inspire in girls who see her as a role model?
5. Can you mention any powerful influential women in your country? Who are they? (give details)



That I would be good

Alanis Morissette

Before listening

1. Classify these adjectives into the categories below.

miserable – heartbroken – down – hopeless – pathetic – cheerful –
happy – depressed – fortunate – lucky – sad – pleased – walking on air –
on cloud nine – flying high – unhappy – sorry

Positive meaning	Negative meaning

2. Read the questions below. Discuss using the adjectives above.

- a) What makes you feel good? What makes you feel bad?
- b) How do you feel when you gain weight?
- c) How do you feel when you break up with your boyfriend / girlfriend?
- d) How do you feel when you are sick?
- e) How do you feel when you lose money?
- f) How would you feel if you won in the lottery?
- g) How do you feel when you fall in love?

Listening

1. Listen to the first stanza and write at least two conditional sentences you hear.

2. Underline the verbs in the *if* clauses from the activity above. What verb tense is being used?

Write another conditional sentence using this verb.

3. Listen to the second stanza, talk to a partner and rewrite it in a positive way.

After Listening

1. Match the sentences according to their meaning.

- a) I numb myself. () I was rejected.
- b) I was fuming. () I feel indifferent.

c) I was clinging.
d) I got the thumbs down.

() I was very angry.
() I was holding tight.

Complete these sentences.

a) I would be good even if I _____
b) She would be great if she _____
c) If they _____ I would feel miserable.
d) I would _____ when I _____.

2. What do you think the composer is trying to express in these lyrics?

Justify your answers

1. What things do people usually do that can show discrimination against women?
2. Can women do all the same things men can do?
3. Should men and women have the same rights and obligations?
4. Is it ok if a woman takes control of the financial aspects of the family, becoming the provider?



Food for thought

In 2011, Michelle Obama gave a speech in which she says proudly how women have striven in the American society.

1. Which rights do you think women have gained over the years in the U.S.A.?
2. How has the role of women in society changed in the last 50 to 100 years?
3. In what aspects have women changed in America?
4. Are there still rights for which women should fight for in America?
5. Do you think women suffer discrimination in the U.S.A.?

Public
Speaking
Hint

Be punctual to begin and to end your speech.

That I would be good

That I would be good even if I did nothing
That I would be good even if I got the thumbs down
That I would be good if I got and stayed sick
That I would be good even if I gained ten pounds

That I would be fine even if I went bankrupt
That I would be good if I lost my hair and my youth
That I would be great if I was no longer queen
That I would be grand if I was not all knowing

That I would be loved even when I numb myself
That I would be good even when I am overwhelmed
That I would be loved even when I was fuming
That I would be good even if I was clingy

That I would be good even if I lost sanity
That I would be good whether with or without you

I, I would
I, I

