Expressing the future

1 Complete the sentences with the correct future forms.

■ comes ■ is coming

1 a The taxi _____ at 9.30.
b The bus _____ at 10.05.

■ will win ■ are going to win

2 a Barcelona _____. They're 3-0 up and there's only ten minutes left.
b I think Barcelona _____ tomorrow's match.

■ 'll see ■ 'm going to see

3 a I hope I _____ you at the protest march on Wednesday.
b I _____ the latest James Bond film tomorrow.

■ 'm helping ■ might help

4 a I can't come to the cinema this afternoon – I _____ my dad fix the car.
b I _____ you with your essay later – it depends if I have time.

■ 'm travelling ■ 'm going to travel

5 a I _____ around South America in my gap year before university.
b I _____ to Edinburgh by plane – I've just got the tickets.

2 Complete Zoe's post on her social networking page using the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.

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Hi friends!

As some of you know already, a few of us [1] _____ (get) together next Sunday to talk about the recycling club we [2] _____ (start). The intention isn't to recycle rubbish, it [3] _____ (be) for anything that you think you [4] _____ (not use) in the future but is too good to throw away – gadgets, furniture, tools, bikes, etc. We're going to set up a new page on this site which you can all link to, and hopefully it [5] _____ (be) an easy way to post details of anything you don't need but think someone else might find a use for. We [6] _____ (meet) in Giovanni's café at 10 a.m., but don't forget that the clocks are changing next Saturday night! The weather forecast says it [7] _____ (be) sunny and unusually warm, so I think we [8] _____ (be able to) sit outside.

Zoe

3 Match the answers in exercise 2 to the ways of expressing the future below.

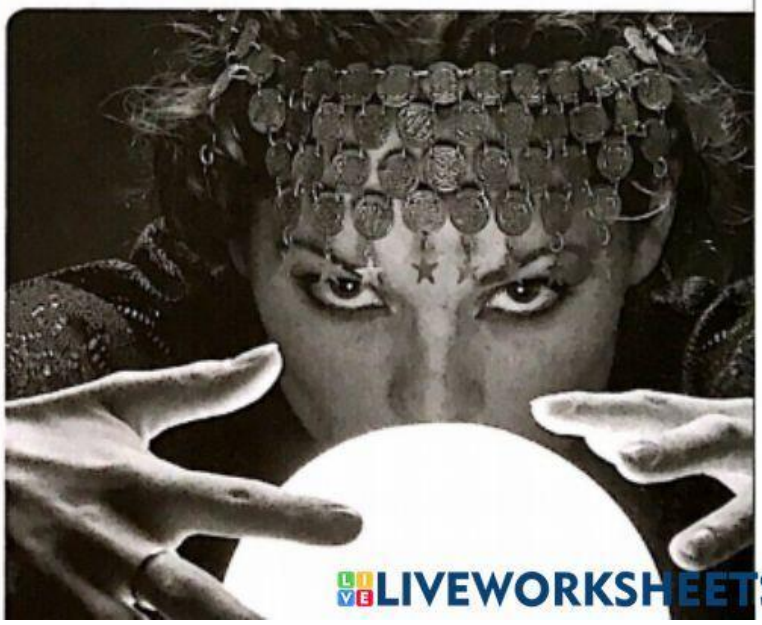
a uncertain prediction _____, _____
b hope _____
c intention _____, _____
d arrangement [1] _____, _____
e prediction based on evidence _____

4 Complete the dialogue with the correct future form of the verbs below.

■ be ■ take ■ close (×2) ■ come ■ explain ■ can ■ understand ■ use

A [1] _____ you _____ to the flashmob event we're organizing at the bank on Saturday? We're meeting there at 9 a.m.
B I might come. I'm not sure whether I [2] _____ free. What exactly are you going to do there?
A We [3] _____ books into the bank and sit around reading them.
B And what are you hoping that people [4] _____ by that?
A Well, we [5] _____ that it's because banks have taken so much of the public's money in recent years that a lot of libraries [6] _____ soon. Our local library [7] _____ next month, so the idea is that from now on we [8] _____ banks as libraries!
B That's cool! I hope I [9] _____ come.

5 CHALLENGE! Write a list of your plans, arrangements and predictions for the future. Use different future forms depending on how sure you are that these things will happen.



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