

# SURENESS ABOUT THE FUTURE

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- ✚ *Be going to* and *will* mean the same when they are used to make **predictions about the future**. Therefore, **(a)** and **(b)** have the same meaning.

**(a) She is going to succeed because she works hard.**

**(b) She will succeed because she works hard.**

- ✚ Note: The speaker uses **will** or **be going to** because he feels **sure about his future activity**. He is **stating a fact about the future**.

**(a) I will be in class tomorrow.**

**(b) I am going to be in class tomorrow.**



Write some predictions about someone you know very well

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The speaker uses **probably** to say that he expects Paul to be in class tomorrow, but he is not **100%** sure. He's almost sure, but not completely sure.

**Subject + will + probably + verb**

a) Paul **will probably be** in class tomorrow.

OR

**Subject + be + probably + going to + verb**

Paul **is probably going to be** in class tomorrow.

**Subject + probably + won't + verb**

b) Anna **probably won't be in** class tomorrow.

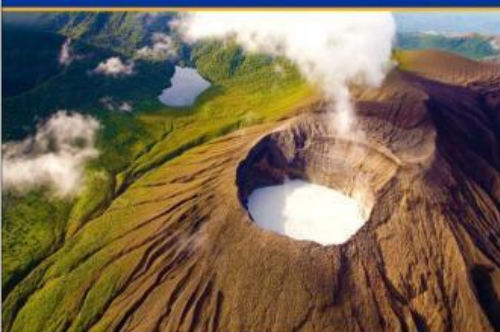
OR

**Subject + probably + be(-) + going to + verb**

Anna **probably isn't going to be** in class tomorrow.

Write some predictions about tourism

## COSTA RICA



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✚ *maybe* and *perhaps* **have the same meaning and** usually come at the **beginning** of the sentence:

- ✓ **Perhaps** the weather will be fine. /pəˈhæps/
- ✓ He hasn't written to me recently - *perhaps* he's going to do it tomorrow.
- ✓ **Maybe** it won't rain.
- ✓ **Maybe** it is going to rain tomorrow.
- ✓ **Maybe** I am going to buy a new car next year.
- ✓ **Perhaps** the government will build more schools and streets in the future.

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| Modal Verb | Meaning                                                       | Structure                   | Affirmative Example                  | Negative Example                         | Notes                                                                        |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May        | Shows a medium possibility — about 50–60% sure.               | Subject + may + base verb   | ☀ She may come to the party tonight. | ✗ She may not come to the party tonight. | Often used for polite or formal predictions.                                 |
| Might      | Also shows possibility, but is less certain than <i>may</i> . | Subject + might + base verb | ☁ It might rain this afternoon.      | ✗ It might not rain later.               | <i>Might</i> sounds slightly less formal or more uncertain than <i>may</i> . |

*might* and *may* are modal verbs

| subject | + | might / may | + | verb  | + | ...                     |
|---------|---|-------------|---|-------|---|-------------------------|
| subject |   | might / may |   | verb  |   | ...                     |
| I       |   |             |   | visit |   | the art gallery today.  |
| you     |   |             |   | see   |   | that film tonight.      |
| he      |   |             |   | read  |   | this book.              |
| she     |   | might / may |   | be    |   | at home.                |
| it      |   |             |   | snow  |   | later today.            |
| we      |   |             |   | eat   |   | pizza tonight.          |
| they    |   |             |   | go    |   | on a vacation in Chile. |

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## fortune-teller

**Instructions:** Let's imagine you can predict the future, so tell your classmates what it is going to happen with.



- ❖ Your classmates
- ❖ Costa Rica
- ❖ The world

Use: **Going to, Will, Maybe, Perhaps, Probably, May and Might.**

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