

Grammar 1 Future forms and degrees of probability

1 Choose the correct alternative to complete the responses to questions 1 – 4.

Future possibilities



1

What are you planning to do this weekend?

A few friends and I are ¹*planning/thinking* enter a competition – we've got to make a short film in 24 hours. Two of my friends are twins so we ²*may/are* possibly going to make a comedy about that. I ³*doubt/think* we'll win anything, but we ⁴*are/will* definitely try to produce something entertaining.

2

Is it likely you'll ever move from this area?

Nassim

My whole family lives here and ⁵*are/it's* unlikely that they'll let me go far! So I'm ⁶*unlikely/probably* just going to live in Bogotá. I may ⁷*well/think* travel though. In fact, I'm thinking ⁸*to/about* visiting my friend in Costa Rica this June.

3

What will you be doing at this time next year?

Maria-Paula

It's hard to say! I'm ⁹*wondering/thinking* whether to change jobs because I ¹⁰*may/don't* think there'll be many opportunities for promotion where I am now. It's also possible ¹¹*that/to* I'll start my own business. But I probably ¹²*don't/won't* be brave enough to do that.

4

Might you try any adventurous activities in the future?

Coby

I ¹³*probably/may* well try diving, although I don't think I ¹⁴*'m going to/'ll* definitely do it with sharks or anything scary like that. I ¹⁵*probably won't/doubt* I'll ever do anything extreme involving heights as I hate them and I hate flying! So, I'll ¹⁶*definitely/possibly* never go skydiving!

Lidiya

1 Complete the texts with the words in the box.

LIFE IN A NEW COUNTRY:

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After three weeks here for work, I've noticed a few differences. It feels ¹ _____ most people here are quite polite when you first meet them. It amazes ² _____ see people waiting in queues so neatly. It also strikes ³ _____ that people say sorry, even if someone else bumps into them in the street.

Sometimes ⁴ _____ as if people are being very serious and then it ⁵ _____ that they're actually making a joke. It ⁶ _____ me that even locals can't always tell either!



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I'm studying for a year in a small town where it ⁷ _____ everyone knows each other. So far, it ⁸ _____ that the culture is quite casual compared to what I'm used to.

It seems ⁹ _____ there are nature reserves and fun new places to explore everywhere. It ¹⁰ _____ that we have to watch out for poisonous snakes and spiders though. It's ¹¹ _____ I'm scared of them exactly, it's ¹² _____ I'd rather see them from a distance.

