GRAMMAR Future (2): Predictions

1 Match the examples 1–5 with the meanings a–e.

1 This city will become more crowded in the future. .....
2 You might find that you enjoy this game more as time goes on. .....
3 I'm going to pass all my exams this year – I've studied really hard. .....
4 You'll be living in a different country this time next month. .....
5 Dan may well be late home this evening – he's got football training. .....

a a strong possibility in the future
b a possibility in the future
c a general prediction about the future
d a prediction about something in progress in the future
e a prediction based on something we already know

2 Choose the correct future form.

1 I *'ll watch / 'll be watching* that new show on TV at 8.15 tonight.
2 Don't tell Steven your bad news. He won't *like / be liking* it.
3 This time next week, you *'ll lie / 'll be lying* on a beach in the sunshine.
4 I don't think this new product *will sell / will be selling* very well.
5 Don't buy her that book. She *might / could* not like romances.
6 Have a taste of this sauce – you *'re going to / may well* like it even though it's very spicy.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word given.

1 Perhaps we'll meet up later.
MIGHT
We ..... later.
2 I think it's very possible that Danny will forget to invite somebody.
WELL
Danny ..... to invite somebody.
3 You might become quite rich because of your business idea.
MAKE
Your business idea
..... quite rich.
4 Attending university is not something she plans to do.
GOING
She ..... to university.
5 At this time, she'll still be awake.
SLEEPING
She ..... at this time.

4 Correct the mistakes in these sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.

1 After that, you will be going to have lunch.
.....
2 We should use the bicycles for travelling around, because we will be having more fun.
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3 I will be waiting for you next week. .....
4 September is not suitable for me because I will take examinations. .....
5 I'd like to go on holiday in the summer because I will study in September. .....

VOCABULARY *a / the number of*

1 Complete the sentences with a or *the*.

1 There have been ..... number of complaints.
2 She was delighted with ..... number of cakes she sold at the fair.
3 ..... number of people are joining the club.
4 I couldn't believe ..... number of students who failed the test.

2 Match the adjectives to their meanings.

1 considerable	.....	5 minimum	.....
2 growing	.....	6 record	.....
3 limited	.....	7 reduced	.....
4 maximum	.....	8 unlimited	.....

a describing the largest amount allowed or possible
b made less in number
c kept within a particular size, range, time, etc.
d getting bigger in size or quantity
e large or important enough to be noticed
f describing the biggest, best, highest, etc.
g describing the smallest amount allowed or possible
h without any maximum number

3 Complete the sentences. Use an adjective from exercise 2 and *number*.

1 The number of students is getting bigger.
There is a .....
of students.
2 The number of tickets available is not as big as it was.
A ..... of tickets are now available.
3 There is no limit to the phone calls you can make.
You can make an .....
of phone calls.
4 A lot of people bought my app.
My app was bought by a
..... of people.
5 Nobody is allowed to buy more than two tickets.
Two is the ..... of tickets anyone is allowed to buy.

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