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Predict your future

✂	In the next five years... move house travel to a different continent		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	Before your next birthday... get fitter take an exam		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	In the next ten years... have children learn a new skill		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	In the next six months... throw a party paint a picture		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	This week... give somebody flowers go to the theatre		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	Today... work hard write a letter		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	In your life... become famous teach somebody your language		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	This year... travel by air make a speech		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	This month... go on holiday win a lottery		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	In the next few days... go to a restaurant make new friends		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	Before you die... live in a foreign country write a book		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't
✂	Tomorrow... get up early feel ill		I'm sure I will	I probably will	I might	I probably won't	I definitely won't

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Worksheet

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ACTIVITY

Whole class: speaking, writing

AIM

To ask and answer questions about the future and to write a group poster.

GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS

Making predictions: certainty, probability, possibility

certain: *I'm sure I will, I definitely won't*

probable: *I probably will/won't*

possible: *I might*

VOCABULARY

Everyday activities

PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for each group of up to 12 students and cut them into cards as indicated.

TIME

30 to 40 minutes

PROCEDURE

1 If there are more than 12 students in the class, divide them into groups.

2 Give one card to each student in the class and tell them that they are going to ask and answer questions about the future. Explain that each student is responsible for finding out the information on their own card by speaking to everybody in the class or group.

3 Before they start the activity, make sure everybody knows how to ask the question they need to ask in order to find out the information on their card. Write these headings on the board:

I'm sure I will

I probably will

I might

I probably won't

I definitely won't

and elicit questions and answers:

Student A: *Do you think you'll move house in the next five years?*

Student B: (choosing one of the possible answers) *No, I probably won't.*

Put a tick next to *I probably won't*.

Student B: *Do you think you'll get fitter before your next birthday?*

Student A: *I might.*

Put a tick next to *I might*.

4 Now ask the students to go round the class or group, asking and answering questions and putting a tick for each answer in the relevant column on their card.

5 When they have spoken to everybody in the class or group, ask them to work with two or three other students in their group and to write some of the information they have gathered on a poster. For example:

In our group ...

Nobody thinks they will move house in the next five years.

Only one person thinks they will get fitter before their next birthday.