

Guess the future time predictions practice

Choose one of the times on the cards and give hints about your imagination of things at that time/ life at that time until your partner guesses exactly that time. They can only guess once per hint, but you can also give hints about how wrong their guesses are such as “No, it’s much sooner”, “No, it’s slightly later” and “That’s true, but the time written on my card is wider/ narrower”.

Useful phrases for giving hints

“That’s not quite right. I’ll give you another hint.”

“It could be then, but that’s not the time I’m thinking of. I’ll give you another clue.”

“That’s true, but the time I have a longer period/ a shorter period. I’ll give you another hint.”

“It can’t be that time, because I said...”

“No, it’s (much/ quite a lot/ a bit/ a tiny bit) sooner/ later (because...)”

“That’s (exactly) right. It’s your turn.”

Ask about any times, verbs, etc below that you don’t understand or couldn’t make a prediction about, working together to make predictions each time.

Future time expressions presentation

Without looking below, put all the cards into order by how far they are in the future (from now). Note that the order might be slightly different to the list, depending on when it is now.

Check the order as a class.

Without looking at the cards, fill each gap below with one word. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

_____ evening

Tomorrow _____.

_____ weekend.

_____ day after tomorrow.

_____ three days.

The week after _____.

_____ (the year) 2020.

Check with the cards, checking with your teacher if you wrote something different.

Suggested predictions about future times

This country	will definitely	be able to...
This city	will almost certainly	be able to afford...
China	will probably	be alive
America	may well	be annoyed by...
Most people	might	be better/ improve
Many people	could possibly	be common
Some people	probably won't	be less popular
Everyone here	almost certainly won't	be less...
We	definitely won't	be living in...
The economy		be more popular
My English level		be more...
The population		be promoted
The temperature		be retired/ have retired
The environment		be studying (...)
The weather		be (almost) the same as now
I		be working (...)
My parents		be worse
My company		be ...er
My division		beat...
My department		buy...
My section		change...
My team		(dis)like...
My boss		drink.../ eat...
My job		exist
My finances		feel...
My favourite team		have...
My ...		have achieved...
		have disappeared
		have got...
		have passed...
		have time for/ to...
		look...
		lose...
		move...
		need/ lack...
		(have) quit...
		sell...
		spend money/ time on...
		suffer from...
		travel (by...)
		use...
		want to...
		win...

Times cards to cut up for the guessing game and to put in order

After this class	This evening
Tonight	Tomorrow morning
Tomorrow afternoon	Tomorrow evening
This weekend	The day after tomorrow
In three days	Next Wednesday
Next Friday	Next weekend
The week after next	Next month
Next spring	The year after next
In 2025	In 2030
In 2050	In a hundred years
In two hundred years	