

### Tricky future forms review

*Do these things have the same or different meanings? If there are more than two, they are all the same or all different.*

#### Time clauses

- in five days/ in five days' time
- five days after/ five days later
- in five days/ five days after
- I will do it at the weekend/ I will do it next weekend
- by Friday/ until Friday/ before Friday
- in two days/ the day after tomorrow

#### Verbs

- expect/ hope
- look forward to/ expect
- will/ would
- want to/ would like to
- hope I can/ wish I could
- goal/ aim/ target
- I will be speaking to him at 5/ I will speak to him at 5
- It can happen/ It could happen
- It may happen/ It might happen

*How can you say these phrases in other ways with the same meanings?*

#### Verbs

We anticipate...

... is approaching...

We predict...

We guarantee...

#### Nouns

We have made a commitment to...

Our objective is...

#### Adjectives

Forthcoming

Subsequent

Ongoing

#### Adverbs

Could potentially happen

Will definitely happen

*Fill the gaps in between the extremes below.*

It will definitely happen.

It definitely won't happen.

*Put these phrases into order. Some are the same as each other.*

almost certainly won't  
could  
could perhaps  
definitely won't  
is / are likely to  
isn't / aren't likely to  
may  
might  
probably won't  
will almost certainly  
will definitely  
will probably  
will surely

*Compare with the answers under the fold.*

-----cover, fold or cut-----

### **Suggested answers**

will definitely  
will surely  
will almost certainly  
is / are likely to/ will probably  
may/ might  
could  
could perhaps  
isn't / aren't likely to  
probably won't  
almost certainly won't  
definitely won't

*Put any other phrases you came up with into the same list.*

### **Homework**

*Write about the possible and most likely future of something, including analysis of reasons for those possibilities and positive and negative consequences of them.*